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[Maria, this is the acceptance of the relief request. We have draft RAIs, which I will send shortly in a separate email, and also attach to the scheduler for the 3:30 EDT call.]

Maria,

By letter dated July 18, 2019 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML19199A708), Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy or the licensee) requested relief from certain requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code), Section XI, IWA-4000, for Waterford Steam Electric Station Unit 3. Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 50.55a(z)(2), Entergy submitted Alternative WF3-RR-19-2 proposing an alternate repair of the degraded weld in the drain line of the Chemical and Volume Control System on the basis that complying with ASME Code, Section XI, would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the relief request and concluded that the submittal does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to begin its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment.

Instances may arise in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review may be identified. The NRC staff may need to request additional information. The licensee will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 220 total hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review in approximately 12 months from the time of application, which is July 19, 2020. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates, will be communicated during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager. These estimates are based on the NRC staff's initial review of the application and they could change, due to several factors including requests for additional information, unanticipated addition of scope to the review, and review by NRC advisory committees or hearing-related activities.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks,
April

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