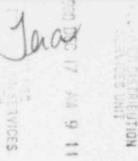


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Docket No. 50-302

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Dear Mr. Hancock:

By application dated May 23, 1979 you requested an amendment to revise surveillance requirements for the DC electrical power system batteries for Crystal River Unit No. 3. The proposed Technical Specification changes would eliminate the fuel electrolyte level correction to the specific gravity reading in Specification 4.8.2.3.2 and lower the specific gravity limits in Specification 4.8.1.1.1.C.2.b.

We have determined that these proposed changes are not acceptable. The enclosed Safety Evaluation discusses our reasons for that conclusion. We have closed out this issue.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Novak, Assistant Director for Operating Reactors

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Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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