

December 6, 1990

Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

SUBJECT: BROWNS FERRY UNIT 2 - INSERVICE INSPECTION (ISI) RELIEF FOR WELD REPAIR  
RADIOGRAPHIC INSPECTION ON THE RECIRCULATION PIPING (TAC 77734)

The enclosed Safety Evaluation provides the results of our review in response to your request for relief, from ASME Code Section XI, dated October 1, 1990.

We concur that the radiographic inspection requirements for the recirculation pipe repair of Browns Ferry, Unit 2, for which relief is being requested, are impractical. In making this determination, we also gave due consideration to the burden that would result if these requirements were imposed on your facility. As such, relief from radiographic inspection in this specific circumstance is warranted and hereby granted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii). Furthermore, we concluded that granting this relief from the ASME Code is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest.

If you need any clarification regarding this letter or the enclosed Safety Evaluation, please feel free to contact me at (301)-492-1313.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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