



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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January 11, 1991

Docket nos. 50-338
and 50-339

Mr. W. L. Stewart
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

SUBJECT: NORTH ANNA UNITS 1 AND 2 - INTERIM RELIEF OF THE INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM FOR PUMPS AND VALVES (TAC NOS. 77125 AND 77126)

The NRC staff, with assistance from its contractor, EG&G, Idaho, has performed an initial review of the North Anna, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 Pump Valve Inservice Testing (IST) Program for the second 10-year interval. You submitted this program by letter dated June 14, 1990, as supplemented October 17, 1990. We conclude that the IST program is reasonably complete with respect to all components required to be in the program.

We have not yet completed our review nor issued our final Safety Evaluation (SE). However, based upon our review of the relief requests, we have determined that, for the interim an acceptable level of safety will be provided by the proposed alternative testing, and therefore, interim relief is granted. Since the interim approval does not represent the results of the final program review, the final SE could contain relief request denials or identify components that should be added to the North Anna IST Program. Therefore, you are authorized to implement your proposed program as described in the above-cited submittals.

Until we complete our detailed review of the IST program, you must comply with both the existing Technical Specifications (TS) and the proposed IST program. Thus, the granting of this relief from the ASME Code does not relieve you from any of the requirements in the existing TS.

When our detailed review of your submittals is complete, we will issue a final SE of your program. Completion of this review may require additional information which will be requested by separate correspondence. Our SE may contain modifications resulting from the staff's review or may grant relief from any ASME Code requirements that are determined to be impractical for the facility for the duration of the second 10-year testing interval.

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The staff has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i) and (a)(3)(i), granting the interim reliefs is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security. The staff has also concluded that granting the approvals is otherwise in the public interest considering the burden that could result if the requirements were imposed on the facility. The interim relief will terminate upon issuance of our final SE.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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