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Dear Mr. Stewart:

SUBJECT: APPROVAL FOR RESTART - CATEGORY C-3 STATUS OF STEAM GENERATORS, NORTH ANNA POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1 (NA-1) (TAC NO. 79783)

This letter confirms our verbal approval of February 27, 1991, regarding your letter dated February 26, 1991 requesting approval for restart of NA-1 from the just-completed (March 5, 1991) refueling outage. As specified in the NA-1 Technical Specifications Table 4.4-2, NRC approval is required prior to operation when the inspection results of any two of the steam generators (SGs) are classified as Category C-3.

The NRC basis for approval for restart of NA-1 is provided in the staff's Safety Evaluation (SE), enclosed with this letter. As stated in the enclosed SE, the NRC staff is continuing to review the technical basis supporting full-cycle operation of the NA-1 SGs. In addition, you are pursuing resolution of a number of issues which must be completed before full-cycle operation of the NA-1 SGs can be approved by the NRC. We conclude, in the meantime, that there is adequate technical basis to justify plant restart and operation of the NA-1 SGs for up to 10 calendar months with adequate assurance of public health and safety.

Finally, you are encouraged to submit your resolution of open items at the earliest possible date to ensure that the staff can complete its review on a timely basis.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed By)

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