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Dear Mr. Carey:

SUBJECT: BEAVER VALLEY UNIT 1 - EXTENSION OF INSERVICE INSPECTION INTERVAL

By letter dated February 9, 1984, you informed the NRC of your intent to extend the first ten-year inservice inspection interval from September 1986 to July 1988. As stated in the letter, the intent is based upon IWA-2400 (a) of Section XI of the ASME Code which allows extension of the interval if a facility has been out of service continuously for one year or more during the inspection interval. You also stated that the extension would permit better control of personnel radiation exposure and capital costs during forthcoming outages.

We have reviewed the information in your letter, taking into account our knowledge of your past schedule of plant operation and outages. Beaver Valley Station Unit 1 was never down continuously for one year or more. The longest outage occurred from November 30, 1979 to November 20, 1980, a period of eleven (11) months and twenty-one (21) days. However, since the later Edition of Section XI allow extension of the interval if a plant has been out of service six months or more, we find that the interval may be changed by eleven months and twenty-one days, (from September 30, 1986 to September 20, 1987). This date is the date to be used as the beginning of the second ten-year interval, and to determine the Code Edition and Addenda of Section XI upon which the second ten-year program is to be based. Although the September 20, 1987 date is approximately ten months less than the interval date change which you intended, this should not adversely affect personnel radiation exposure or costs since Section XI also allows a period of up to one year beyond an inspection interval to permit examinations and tests to be performed concurrently with plant outages.

Please feel free to contact your Project Manager, Mr. P. Tam, if you have additional questions.

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