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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director

Dear Mr. Denton:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-416 & 50-417
License No. NPF-13
File: 0260/L-860.0
Supplemental Information Standby Diesel Generator
Combustion Air Intake and
Exhaust System
AECM-84/0389

In AECM-84/0399, dated July 28, 1984, Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) provided information regarding the design of the combustion air intake and exhaust system for the standby diesel generators. At the request of your Mr. A. R. Ungaro, we are providing additional information regarding the design of this system.

If you have any further questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON THE DIESEL GENERATOR COMBUSTION AIR INTAKE AND EXHAUST SYSTEM

The combustion air intake and exhaust system for the standby diesel generators was designed as seismic Category I ar 1 Quality Group D. Augmented Quality Group D requirements were not imposed on this system. (Reference AECM-75/II, dated February 14, 1975 and AECM-82/0459, dated August 9, 1982).

The piping specified for the system was seamless, ASTM A-53, Grade B or ASTM A-106, Grade B for the 24 inch diameter piping and welded, ASTM A-155, Grade C-55, Class 2 or ASTM A-134, Grade A-283C for the 42 inch diameter piping. This piping was butt welded by welders qualified to ASME Section IX. These welds were then visually inspected.

As described in AECM-83/0724, dated November 15, 1984, the piping wall thickness was adequate to meet the system design conditions and was much greater than that required to meet the actual service conditions. Based on this substantial margin in the design of the piping for this system, the existing Quality Group D and seismic Category I classification is commensurate with the service conditions imposed on the system and adequately ensures the integrity of the system. The use of ASME Section IX qualified welders, the visual inspection performed on the welds, and the application of an operational quality assurance program for the piping provides additional assurance that the system is capable of performing its design function.

Therefore, based on the conservative system design as described above, actual system service conditions, the use of ASME Section IX qualified welders, visual inspection performed on the welds, and application of the operational quality assurance program for piping, then the imposition of seismic Category I and Quality Group D requirements on the standby diesel generator combustion air intake and exhaust system provides a level of assurance that the system is capable of performing its function commensurate with the level of assurance that would be provided by requiring the use of Quality Group C requirements.