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Mr. T. C. McMeekin
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SUBJECT: RELIEF REQUEST FOR SNUBBER INSERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM - MCGUIRE
NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M92466/M91720)

Dear Mr. McMeekin:

- References:
1. Letter from T. C. McMeekin (DPC) to Document Control Desk (NRC), dated May 30, 1995
 2. Letter from T. C. McMeekin (DPC) to Document Control Desk (NRC), dated March 20, 1995
 3. Letter from T. C. McMeekin (DPC) to Document Control Desk (NRC), dated May 30, 1995

In References 1 and 2, you requested relief from the requirements of ASME Code, Section XI, 1989 Edition for the Second Ten-Year Inservice Inspection (ISI) Program for visual examinations of snubbers, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(5)(iii).

In Reference 3, you stated that the McGuire Unit 1 ISI Program had been updated, on February 27, 1995, from the 1986 Edition of the ASME Code, Section XI to the 1989 Edition. This Code update will take effect with the start of the second period of the second interval of the ISI Program, which includes refueling outages 10 through 14. The first period of the second interval of the ISI Program was conducted to the 1986 Edition, which included refueling outages 8 and 9. McGuire Unit 2 ISI Program has been performed to the requirements of ASME Code, 1989 Edition since the beginning of its power operation.

Currently, the McGuire Units 1 and 2 ISI Program is, therefore, required to be performed in accordance with the ASME Code, Section XI, Article IWF-5000, first addenda to ASME/ANSI OM-1987 Edition, Part 4 (OM Part 4), using the VT-3 visual examination method described in IWA-2213. You stated that the alternative use of the visual examination program on Code Class 1, 2, and 3 snubbers, in accordance with McGuire Technical Specifications (TS), would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety.

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Based on the information provided, the staff determined that the proposed alternative to ASME Code, 1989 Edition, Section XI, Article IWF-5000 (which references OM-1987, Part 4), with regard to visual examination of Code Class 1, 2, and 3 snubbers will provide an acceptable level of quality and safety. Therefore, the alternative is authorized, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i). Our evaluation and conclusions are discussed in the enclosed Safety Evaluation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Leonard A. Wiens, Acting Director
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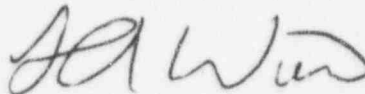
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