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SUBJECT: INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM RELIEF REQUEST FOR LEAKAGE TESTING OF
CONTAINMENT ISOLATION VALVES, BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT NOS.
1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M95084 AND M95085)

Dear Mr. Cross:

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The NRC staff has reviewed the proposal and has determined that use of portions of the later edition of the ASME Code is acceptable for the reasons discussed in the enclosed safety evaluation. Our approval of this relief request allows DLC to implement recent amendments to the BVPS-1 and BVPS-2 technical specifications related to leakage testing of containment isolation valves.

The NRC staff's evaluation of the proposed relief request is contained in the enclosed safety evaluation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Beaver Valley Project Manager, Donald S. Brinkman, at (301) 415-1409.

Sincerely,
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