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Docket No. 50-354

Mr. R. L. Mittl, General Manager
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Dear Mr. Mittl:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - PRELIMINARY STAFF REVIEW OF
GENERIC LETTER 83-28 RESPONSES, HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION

The staff has completed a preliminary review to assess the completeness and adequacy of applicant/licensee responses to Generic Letter 83-28 Items 2.1, 2.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.3, 4.4 and 4.5. For Hope Creek your responses were found to be incomplete for Items 2.1, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.3 and 4.5.3. Brief descriptions of the deficiencies are provided as guidelines for corrective action in the enclosed request for additional information. Efforts by Owners Groups, INPO and NSSS vendors have been or are being made to produce generic responses that may be useful in meeting the requirements of Generic Letter 83-28 Items 2.1, 2.2.1, 2.2.2 and 4.5.3. You may wish to contact these organizations regarding the applicability of such generic responses to your facility.

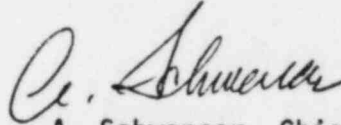
In order to preserve our present review schedule, the staff requests that you submit for review the supplementary information identified for Items 2.1, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 3.1.3 and 3.2.3 within 60 days and for Item 4.5.3 within 90 days. If you intend to formally endorse the BWR Owners Group response to Item 4.5.3 (NEDC-30844), please advise us within 60 days. Your plant specific response to Item 4.5.3 should then be provided within 90 days after the NRC completes its review and issues its evaluation of NEDC-30844. We request your cooperation in meeting this schedule.

This request for additional information was approved by the Office of Management and Budget under clearance number 3150-0011 which expires April

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Sincerely,

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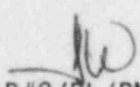
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HOPE CREEK

Item 2.1 (part 1) - Incomplete

Applicant needs to confirm that the review of the RTS classification program is complete and that it verifies that RTS components are classified as safety-related and identified as such on all documentation and in information handling systems.

Item 2.2.1 - Incomplete

Applicant needs to respond to sub-item 6 regarding classification of equipment important to safety.

Item 2.2.2 - Incomplete

Applicant needs to present his evaluation of the NUTAC program and describe how it will be implemented at Hope Creek 2. This program needs to be supplemented because it fails to address the establishment and maintenance of an interface between the applicant and all vendors of safety-related equipment to assure that vendor technical information is kept current, complete, and is incorporated as appropriate into plant procedures and maintenance instructions. The response should also address concerns about division of responsibility between applicant and their vendors who provide maintenance or testing services to assure that needed control is maintained over procedures and maintenance instructions.

Item 3.1.3 and 3.2.3 - Incomplete

Applicant needs to state if they have found any post maintenance testing requirements for either RTS components or other safety-related equipment that may degrade safety. If any such are identified, the applicant shall describe actions to be taken including submitting needed Technical Specification changes.

Item 4.5.3 - Incomplete

Applicant needs to describe and present the results of the BWROG's review of the proposed on-line testing intervals. The response shall consider the concerns of sub-items 4.5.3.1 through 4.5.3.5 of the generic letter, show how the selected intervals result in high reactor trip system availability, and present any resulting Technical Specification changes for staff review.

The staff finds that modifications are not required to permit on-line testing of the backup scram valves. However, the staff concludes that testing of the backup scram valves (including initiating circuitry) at a refueling outage frequency, in lieu of on-line testing, is appropriate and should be included in the technical specification surveillance requirements. The licensee needs to address this conclusion.