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To: WNP3.PST Peter Tam, et al
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Subject: Criticality Monitor Exemptions

Peter,

I'm confused as to what type of exemption is specifically being requested for (1) Oconee, (2) McGuire, and (3) Catawba. It appears that Oconee does not have crit monitors that meet 70.24, and that McGuire and Catawba have acceptable crit monitors but were not sure they were meeting the evacuation drill requirement of 70.24(a)(3). If this is correct, the staff (NRR & NMSS) have determined that fully elaborated criticality evacuation drills need not be conducted annually if other means of providing current convincing evidence that personnel will respond appropriately to crit monitors (which McGuire & Catawba can probably do) is maintained. It therefore appears that McGuire & Catawba are in compliance with all the requirements of 70.24. If they want an exemption, they must respond to the RAI's I sent you (which still require a crit monitor in fuel handling areas but not in storage areas). Oconee should respond fully to the RAI's since they apparently do not have acceptable crit monitors.

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