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Subject: Criticality monitor exemption for Duke plants -Reply

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Larry, Roger,

Roger and I had an impromptu conference call with Mike Kitland of Catawba. We tried to patch Larry in but he was not in his office then.

I must say that I am rather confused after the conference call as to what direction we are heading. Are we continuing to review Duke's application for exemption for the 3 Duke plants? Do we now have sufficient material for your review? How about NMSS's concern?

Please clarify. Thanks.

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Peter, I don't know why you are confused and asking Larry for clarification. The licensee needs to decide on what course of action they want to pursue. If they are requesting an exemption from all of 70.24 they need to commit to compensatory actions as indicated in the RAI (including committing to meeting the criteria in the ANS standard). Their current licensing basis is somewhat beside the point since they are requesting a change to the design/licensing basis and we need to work out an acceptable one. As we discussed on the phone with the licensee, they have other options, by either showing they are in compliance with 70.24 or asking for a more specific exemption.

CC: WND2.WNP3(DEL, HNB, VYN)