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Dear Mr. Sieber,

SUBJECT: BEAVER VALLEY UNIT 1 - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON YOUR CHANGE REQUEST NO. 127 (TAC 64076)

By letter dated November 12, 1986, you submitted the subject request for amendment concerning snubber inspection and testing requirement. We have reviewed that request and found that additional information is needed from you to complete our review (See enclosure). Please provide your response within 45 days of receipt of this letter.

The reporting and/or recordkeeping requirements contained in this letter affect fewer than ten respondents; therefore, OMB clearance is not required under P.L. 96-511.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
BEAVER VALLEY UNIT 1
PROPOSED SNUBBER INSPECTION AND TESTING AMENDMENT

(1) Specification 4.7.12.b and c, Visual Inspections.

You proposed to perform visual inspections by snubber type and by system. This proposal deviates from the staff's current position expressed in the Beaver Valley Unit 2 Technical Specifications, and appears to be a large relaxation from the staff's current position. Please justify your proposal.

(2) Specification 4.7.12.c, Visual Inspections Acceptance Criteria

Your proposed change reads "...may be generically susceptible; or (2) the affected...". The staff's technical position, as expressed in the Unit 2 Technical Specifications, uses the word "and", thus requiring both conditions be met before a snubber which appeared inoperable be determined OPERABLE for the purpose of determining the next visual inspection interval. Your use of the word "or" instead of "and" appears to have the effect of relaxing the staff's requirement. Please justify. Also, provide the background information regarding hydraulic snubbers on the top of page 3/4 7-28. Was a similar specification approved for another nuclear plant?

(3) Specification 4.7.12.d, Functional Tests

The last paragraph on page 3/4 7-28 refers to large-bore snubber tests. Provide background information, stating if other nuclear plants have such a specification.