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Subject: Withdrawal of 10 CFR 50.54 (a)(3) Request for Change in QA Program Audit
and Surveillance Finding Processing (TAC No. M98623)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to withdraw a previously submitted 10 CFR 50.54 (a)(3) request for NRC review of a proposed reduction in commitment changes to the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS), Unit 1 Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR) Section 17.2, "Quality Assurance During the Operating Phase." This request was previously submitted by Toledo Edison (TE) in a letter dated April 25, 1997 (TE Serial Number 2401).

The proposed changes would have modified the Quality Assessment (QA) audit and surveillance findings process to permit QA-originated nonconformance documents to be processed through either the audit/surveillance finding process or the nonconformance/corrective action program (i.e., the Potential Condition Adverse to Quality Report (PCAQR) program). Under the proposed change, audit personnel would have evaluated the adequacy of audit finding responses for "significant conditions adverse to quality," rather than for all audit findings. The change would have also permitted audit closure following the audit finding issuance and corrective action responsibility assignment. Additionally, it was proposed that the DBNPS commitment requiring the completion of Audit Finding Report corrective actions within 120 days be eliminated.

Subsequent to this submittal, several telephone conference calls were held between the staffs of the NRC and TE to discuss the details of the proposed changes. A request for

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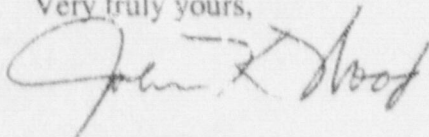
additional information regarding this proposed change was issued by the NRC dated June 19, 1997.

This proposed QA program change was based, in part, on the existing DBNPS nonconformance/corrective action program (i.e., the PCAQR program). The DBNPS corrective action program is currently being reviewed and major process changes are being proposed. Additionally, activities are underway to consider merging the DBNPS and the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1 quality assurance programs into a common document. Considering these activities, TE withdraws the requested change submitted by Toledo Edison's April 25, 1997 letter (Serial Number 2401).

Toledo Edison appreciates the efforts of the NRC Staff in evaluating this request.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. James L. Freels, Manager - Regulatory Affairs, at (419) 321-8466.

Very truly yours,



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