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Docket No. 50-275, OL-DPR-80
Docket No. 50-323, OL-DPR-82
Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2
180 Day Response to NRC Generic Letter 99-02, "Laboratory Testing of Nuclear-Grade Charcoal"

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

NRC Generic Letter (GL) 99-02 was issued on June 3, 1999, to alert licensees that the NRC has determined that testing nuclear-grade activated charcoal to standards other than American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D3803-1989, "Standard Test Method for Nuclear-Grade Activated Carbon," does not provide assurance for complying with the current licensing basis as it relates to the dose limits of General Design Criterion 19 of Appendix A to 10 CFR 50, and Subpart A of 10 CFR Part 100. The GL also requested that licensees determine whether their technical specifications (TS) reference ASTM D3803-1989 for charcoal filter laboratory testing. Licensees whose TS do not reference ASTM D3803-1989 should either amend their TS to reference ASTM D3803-1989, or propose an alternative test protocol and provide the information discussed in the GL requested actions.

The Diablo Canyon Power Plant TS require that nuclear grade charcoal in the engineered safety feature systems be tested in accordance with the requirements of ASTM D3803-1989. The reference to ASTM D3803-1989 was incorporated in the TS by Amendments 113 and 111 to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82, respectively, dated May 28, 1996. The improved TS, issued May 28, 1999, by Amendments 135 and 135 also reference ASTM D3903-1989. No TS amendment or additional testing are required.

If you have any questions regarding the current DCPD requirements for laboratory testing of nuclear-grade charcoal, please call Mr. Patrick Nugent at (805) 545-4872.

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Sincerely,

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