

December 12, 2002

Mr. Fred J. Cayia  
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SUBJECT: POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - BULLETIN 2002-01,  
"REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL HEAD DEGRADATION AND REACTOR  
COOLANT PRESSURE BOUNDARY INTEGRITY," 15-DAY RESPONSE  
(TAC NOS. MB4566 AND MB4567)

Dear Mr. Cayia:

On March 18, 2002, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff issued Bulletin 2002-01, "Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Degradation and Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Integrity," to the industry requesting that addressees provide information related to the structural integrity of the reactor coolant pressure boundary, including the reactor pressure vessel head, and the extent to which inspections have been undertaken to satisfy applicable regulatory requirements. Bulletin 2002-01 also required licensees to provide the basis for concluding that plans for future inspections of the reactor coolant pressure boundary will satisfy applicable regulatory requirements at their respective pressurized-water reactor plants. All addressees were requested to respond to Items 1.A. through E. within 15 days of the Bulletin's issuance, or to provide a written response to the NRC in accordance with the provisions of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 50, Section 50.54(f), if they are unable to provide the information or they can not meet the requested completion dates.

You provided your 15-day Bulletin response by letters dated April 2 and 18, 2002. The NRC staff finds that you have provided the requested information and has concluded that your plant does not appear to have conditions similar to those which lead to the degradation at Davis-Besse.

We will complete a full review of your response to Bulletin 2002-01 after we review your response to Items 2 and 3 of the Bulletin.

Sincerely,

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Deirdre W. Spaulding, Project Manager, Section 1  
Project Directorate III  
Division of Licensing Project Management  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-266 and 50-301

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