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MA6166)

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Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RESIDUAL HEAT REMOVAL SHUTDOWN COOLING - HOT SHUTDOWN

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In its July 29, 1999 submittal, the licensee stated that the basis for the requested technical specification (TS) change is that the original plant design operating temperature for the residual heat removal (RHR) shutdown cooling (SDC) piping and supports is less than the operational limit currently required by TS Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.4.9. During a conference call with the staff on November 17, 1999, the licensee stated that in 1988, an evaluation was performed to assess the condition of the RHR SDC piping system because of the potential of exposing the piping system to beyond original design operating temperature. The licensee is requested to provide the details of that 1988 assessment (with respect to thermal stress limit and thermal fatigue cycle limit) and its findings.

Enclosure