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SUBJECT: FERMI 2 - RELIEF REQUESTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBSECTIONS  
IWE AND IWL OF ASME CODE, SECTION XI, FOR CONTAINMENT  
INSPECTION (TAC NO. MA6736)

Dear Mr. Gipson:

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The NRC staff has completed its review of the seven remaining relief requests. Based on the information provided in the relief requests, the staff concludes that for Relief Requests CISI-003 and 008, the licensee's proposed alternatives will provide an acceptable level of quality and safety. Therefore, the proposed alternatives are authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i). For Relief Requests CISI-001, 002, 004, 006, and 007, the staff concludes that compliance with the code requirements would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety, and that the licensee's proposed alternatives will provide reasonable assurance of containment pressure integrity. Therefore, these proposed alternatives are authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii). A copy of the staff's safety evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

Claudia M. Craig, Chief, Section 1  
Project Directorate III  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-341

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