

February 10, 2000

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SUBJECT: NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 2 - REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CORE SHROUD
REINSPECTION PLAN (TAC NO. MA7284)

Dear Mr. Mueller:

By letter dated December 2, 1999, you submitted the Core Shroud Reinspection Plan for refueling outage number 7 (RFO7). We are reviewing your submittal but found that we need additional information to complete the review. The following questions outline the additional information we need.

- (1) You indicated that you had performed a plant-specific analysis for horizontal weld H7. You stated that, based on the results of the analysis, inspection of weld H7 during the upcoming RFO7 is not required. Please provide a detailed description of the analysis for the methodology used. In addition, provide the justification for the methodology used in your analysis which deviates from the guidelines provided in BWRVIP-07 and discuss its conservatism.
- (2) You stated that inspection of vertical welds V24 and V25 is not required during RFO7 because the cracking in the intersecting horizontal welds H7 and H8 satisfies the criteria provided in 3.1.1.b and 3.1.1.a of BWRVIP-63, respectively. Provide details regarding how the cracking in weld H7 meets the criteria stated in 3.1.1.b.
- (3) Provide the reinspection schedule for the welds which will not be inspected during RFO7 and discuss consistency with the guidance provided in BWRVIP-07 and BWRVIP-63.

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I discussed a schedule for your response with Ms. Denise Wolniak of your staff. We agreed that February 28, 2000, is a reasonable target date for your response. Please feel free to contact me if this schedule poses any difficulty, or if you need clarification of the above questions.

Sincerely,

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