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Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING REMOVAL OF MANUAL ISOLATION FUNCTION
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HIGH-PRESSURE COOLANT INJECTION AND
REACTOR CORE ISOLATION COOLING ISOLATION SYSTEMS
FOR THE DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER
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You have proposed the deletion of the manual initiation function of the high-pressure coolant injection (HPCI) and reactor core isolation cooling (RCIC) isolation from Technical Specification (TS) Table 3.3.6.1-1. This refers to the capability to isolate (close) containment isolation valves (CIVs) in the HPCI and RCIC systems by manual operation of certain switches in the main control room.

1. Typically, power-operated CIVs can be individually opened and closed by the manual operation of their control switches in the main control room. Clarify whether the switches addressed by your proposed TS change are these typical switches or whether they are additional switches.
2. If they are additional switches, describe their purpose and function. In particular:
 - A. Describe whether they open and close the CIVs or just close them.
 - B. Describe whether they operate momentarily or “seal in”; that is, when a switch is released, whether the CIV returns to its previous position or stays in its new position, and whether this varies depending on other conditions, such as the presence or absence of an HPCI or RCIC system actuation signal.
3. If the subject switches are additional to the typical control switches, describe whether the CIVs can be closed by the *typical* switches when a HPCI or RCIC system actuation signal is present, and whether this closure would be momentary or “sealed in.”
4. Describe what happens to the CIVs should they receive an automatic closure signal from the control system (e.g., on low steam pressure, indicating a broken steam line) after the HPCI or RCIC system is activated.

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