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**DRAFT STPNOC RESPONSE TO SUPPORT PHONE CALL  
ON AMENDMENT REQUEST TO MODIFY TS REQUIREMENTS  
ASSOCIATED WITH CR & FHB VENT SYSTEMS**

**The following description is proposed to be added at the end of Insert 6 to TS Bases 3/4.7.7 and at the end of Insert 8 to TS Bases 3/4.7.8. Ref: September 28, 1998 submittal (NOC-AE-000305)**

Administrative controls during the limited allowed outage time for all trains to be out of service include the work control process that evaluates the compatibility of current plant conditions prior to the commencement of breaching the common CRE <FHB> HVAC duct plenum. Additionally, the Configuration Risk Management Program will ensure that an acceptable plant risk exists prior to commencing any maintenance where all trains of either common CRE <FHB> HVAC would be rendered inoperable. Compensatory actions to be taken include:

- Surveillances and other plant activities that have a potential plant trip risk should not be conducted as feasible
- Controls will prevent maintenance if a precursor to a design basis accident event is indicated such as increased reactor coolant system leakage or steam generator tube leakage.
- A pre-job brief will be conducted to ensure steps for rapidly terminating the maintenance and restoring the system are understood should plant conditions change.
- A formal communications plan will be put into place to rapidly communicate the need to terminate the maintenance and restore the system.
- Self containing breathing apparatus will be available to the control room operator to minimize dose if necessary.

**A new description is proposed to be inserted at the beginning of TS Bases 3/4.7.7 to describe the components of a control room ventilation train. Ref: September 28, 1998 submittal (NOC-AE-000305)**

The control room makeup and cleanup filtration system is comprised of three independent trains. An OPERABLE train consists of a main air handling unit, return air fan, makeup air filter unit, control room air cleanup filter unit, appropriate dampers and the associated initiation and actuation channel.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN  
MARCH 14, 2000, TELECONFERENCE  
ON STP CONTROL ROOM/FHB VENTILATION SYSTEM AMENDMENT

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