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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON RELIEF REQUEST NO. 21 (TAC NO. MA8617)

Dear Mr. Knubel:

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Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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For the staff to find Code Case N-546 acceptable the licensee needs to include in their proposed alternative that in addition to the requirements of Code Case N-546 the licensee will:

- a) Qualify VT-2 examination personnel by examination to demonstrate knowledge of Section XI and plant-specific procedures for VT-2 visual examination.
- b) Re-qualify examination personnel in accordance with the frequency in IWA-2314 of the ASME Code, Section XI, up to and including the 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda.

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