

August 28, 2000

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1 AND 2, RE: COMPLETION OF  
LICENSING ACTION FOR GENERIC LETTER 99-02 (TAC NOS. MA5791  
AND MA5792)

Dear Mr. Morey:

On June 3, 1999, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 99-02, "Laboratory Testing of Nuclear-grade Activated Charcoal," to all holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.

The purpose of the GL was to:

- (1) Alert addressees that the NRC has determined that testing nuclear-grade activated charcoal to standards other than American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D3803-1989, "Standard Test Method for Nuclear-Grade Activated Carbon," does not provide assurance for complying with the current licensing basis as it relates to the dose limits of General Design Criterion 19 of Appendix A to Part 50 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) and Subpart A of 10 CFR Part 100.
- (2) Request that all addressees determine whether their Technical Specifications (TS) reference ASTM D3803-1989 for charcoal filter laboratory testing. Addressees whose TS do not reference ASTM D3803-1989 should either amend their TS to reference ASTM D3803-1989 or propose an alternative test protocol and provide the information discussed in the requested actions.
- (3) Alert addressees to the staff's intent to exercise enforcement discretion under certain conditions.
- (4) Request that all addressees send the NRC written responses on the implementation of the actions requested in this GL.

Your letters of July 30 and September 16, 1999, responded to GL 99-02 for Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. You indicated that you sent us a TS amendment request on July 30, 1997, that updates your charcoal laboratory testing protocol to ASTM D3803-1989.

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We approved your TS amendment request on November 23, 1999, and thus consider Farley to be a Group 1 plant. Therefore, we consider GL 99-02 to be closed for your facilities. Please contact me at (301) 415-1423 if you have any questions about this.

Sincerely,

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