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SUBJECT: JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2 RE: ADMINISTRATIVE  
CHANGES FOR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AMENDMENT NO. 138  
(TAC NO. MB1496)

Dear Mr. Morey:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has re-issued the enclosed Technical Specifications (TS) page 5.5-15 for Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-2 and NPF-8, Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. The administrative change for TS page 5.5-15 was requested in your letter of March 13, 2001.

By letter dated December 29, 1999, we issued TS Amendment No. 138, which supports the steam generator replacement for Unit 2 in the Spring of 2001, to be implemented prior to Unit 2 entering Mode 5 for Cycle 15. By letter dated January 31, 2001, we issued TS Amendment No. 140, which has been implemented. It has been noted that TS page 5.5-15 to TS Amendment No. 138 needs to be updated to include the approved content of TS page 5.5-22, which was approved in TS Amendment No. 140. In the two applicable TS Amendment requests you failed to recognize the fact that the implementation of the earlier submittal, at least for Unit 2, would take place after the implementation of the later submittal.

A copy of the revised TS page 5.5-15, which is consistent with the staff's approvals of TS Amendments Nos. 138 and 140, is enclosed. The amendment numbers at the bottom of TS page 5.5-15, which applies to both units, will now be 148 for Unit 1 and 140 for Unit 2. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1447.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Frank Rinaldi", is positioned above the typed name.

Frank Rinaldi, Project Manager, Section 1  
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Docket No. 50-364

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## 5.5 Programs and Manuals

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### 5.5.13 Diesel Fuel Oil Testing Program

A diesel fuel oil testing program to implement required testing of both new fuel oil and stored fuel oil shall be established. The program shall include sampling and testing requirements, and acceptance criteria, all in accordance with applicable ASTM Standards. The purpose of the program is to establish the following:

- a. Acceptability of new fuel oil for use prior to addition to the emergency diesel generator storage tanks by determining that the fuel oil has:
  1. an API gravity or an absolute specific gravity within limits,
  2. a flash point and kinematic viscosity within limits for ASTM 2D fuel oil, and
  3. a clear and bright appearance.
- b. Fuel oil stored in the emergency diesel generator storage tanks is within limits by verifying that a sample of diesel fuel oil from the storage tank, obtained in accordance with ASTM-D270-65, is within the acceptable limits specified in Table 1 of ASTM D975-74 when checked for viscosity, water, and sediment every 92 days.
- c. The provisions of SR 3.0.2 and SR 3.0.3 are applicable to the Diesel Fuel Oil Testing Program surveillance test frequencies.

### 5.5.14 Technical Specifications (TS) Bases Control Program

This program provides a means for processing changes to the Bases of these Technical Specifications.

- a. Changes to the Bases of the TS shall be made under appropriate administrative controls and reviews.
- b. Licensees may make changes to Bases without prior NRC approval provided the changes do not require either of the following:
  1. a change in the TS incorporated in the license; or
  2. a change to the updated FSAR or Bases that requires NRC approval pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59.

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