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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
NORTH ANNA POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
IMPROVED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (ITS)
QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

1. A revised (or marked up) Quality Assurance (QA) Topical Report, incorporating the proposed relocations of administrative Current Technical Specifications (CTS), should be submitted for review in conjunction with the proposed technical specification changes.
2. Relocation of administrative Technical Specifications (TS) to quality assurance programs is addressed by Administrative Letter 95-06, which is available on the NRC web. As discussed in the administrative letter, certain TS administrative requirements may be relocated intact (i.e., without change) to the QA topical.

For TS requirements that are not relocated intact, additional justification should be provided, particularly with respect to deviations from the applicable regulatory guides and standards listed in Table 17.2-0 of the QA Topical. The licensee should identify those changes that would be relocated intact and provide additional justification for those that are not.

3. With regard to the review and audit functions (CTS 6.5), the applicable basis statement (LA. 6) states that the requirements would be relocated to the QA Topical Report where subsequent changes would be controlled under 10 CFR 50.59. Please confirm that subsequent changes to these QA commitments would be controlled under 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3) or 50.54(a)(4).
4. With regard to the NUREG-0737 independent safety engineering (ISE) function (TS 6.2.3), the licensee proposes to relocate these requirements to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, where these changes would be controlled under 10 CFR 50.59. The ISE function is considered to be part of a licensee's plan for conducting reviews of operating phase activities, as described in NUREG-0800, Standard Review Plan 13.4. Accordingly, the ISE function should be relocated to the QA Topical, where subsequent changes would be controlled under 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3) or 50.54(a)(4).

Enclosure