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**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REVIEW OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AMENDMENT REGARDING
A ONE TIME SG INSPECTION INTERVAL EXTENSION
AT INDIAN POINT UNIT 2**

The staff of the Materials and Chemical Engineering Branch (EMCB) requests the following questions be forwarded to the Indian Point Unit 2 (IP2) licensee. The questions are regarding their technical specifications' amendment request to allow a one-time extension of the steam generator (SG) inspection interval and the removal of the NRC concurrence on the licensee's proposed SG examination program. The EMCB staff has reviewed the licensee's submittal dated December 7, 1998, and found the following areas where additional information is needed to proceed with the review:

1. For each degradation mechanism, please provide a general description of the operational assessment methodology used to ensure that SG tube integrity will be maintained for the entire fuel cycle (cycle 14). The description should include an explanation of the predictive methodology, flaw growth rates, and NDE uncertainty used to determine structural and accident leakage integrity.
2. Please discuss the results of your condition monitoring assessment conducted during your most recent inspection. Include, what degradation mechanisms were evaluated using the the Westinghouse and/or EPRI screening criteria? What mechanisms were not evaluated using the screening criteria? What assurance is provided that the structural integrity would be maintained?
3. Please provide an assessment of the water chemistry performance during the extended period of SG wet lay-up and during the current cycle of operation.
4. In TS sections 4.13A.2.e. and 4.13A.4.2.a. there are references to the most recent steam generator examination program approved by the NRC. Please modify these sections to maintain consistency of the TS when the NRC concurrence is no longer required.

ATTACHMENT