

TVA and the NRC staff held a teleconference on December 6, 2001, to discuss the NRC question. During that teleconference, the NRC staff questioned whether TVA's proposed visual (VT-1) examination was a direct visual exam or a remote visual exam. TVA stated that the examinations for the RPV head vent and spare nozzles (N7, N6A, and N6B) were intended to be conducted using a direct visual examination performed in accordance with ASME Section XI, VT-1 requirements.

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A subsequent teleconference was held between TVA and the NRC staff on January 29, 2002, to further clarify TVA's proposed alternate examination. This letter provides confirmation of the discussions held between TVA and the NRC staff in the December 6, 2001, and January 29, 2002 teleconferences. As a result, TVA will update the BFN Unit 3 ASME Section XI, ISI Program to explicitly show that the visual examination of the RPV head nozzles (N7, N6A, and N6B) is performed using a direct enhanced visual (VT-1) examination, capable of a 1-mil resolution, performed in accordance with ASME Section XI, VT-1 requirements.

As stated in our letters dated August 13, 2001, and January 9, 2002, TVA requests review of this request for relief to support the Unit 3 Cycle 10 (Spring 2002) refueling outage.

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