

March 1, 2002

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SUBJECT: DONALD C. COOK NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - REQUEST FOR  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, "PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES TO THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION XI OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
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independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposal in terms of regulatory  
requirements and the protection of public health and safety.

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A mutually agreeable target date of April 12, 2002, for your response was established. The  
NRC staff will continue review of your proposed alternatives when your response to the  
enclosed questions is received.

If circumstances result in the need to revise the target date, please contact me at  
(301) 415-1345 at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-315 and 50-316

Enclosure: Request for Additional Information

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**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
**DONALD C. COOK NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2**  
**SUBMITTAL C1201-02 PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF**  
**SECTION XI OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS CODE**  
**DATED DECEMBER 6, 2001**

Attachment 1 to C1201-02:

- 1) Para 4.0(b) - Define when it would be impractical to use ultrasonic methods.
- 2) Para 4.0(d) - Since the basis for the relief is designed around performing austenitic repairs, why was NB-5340, Magnetic Particle Acceptance Standards, referenced?
- 3) Para 4.0 (d) Explain why ultrasonic inspection acceptance standard Table IWB-3514-2 was used versus NB-5330 ultrasonic acceptance standards.

Attachment 2 to C1201-2:

- 1) Under proposed alternative, item 4, page 3, please explain how an unacceptable OD circumferential flaw above the attachment weld will be repaired.