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SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT REVIEWS INVOLVING GDC 19 IN LIGHT OF
ISSUANCE OF GENERIC LETTER 2003-01 (TAC NO. MB 4050)

This memorandum is intended to update the guidance on amendment requests involving General Design Criteria (GDC) 19, Control Room. Guidance was previously provided in a September 11, 2000 memorandum from Richard Barrett to Gary Holahan and John Zwolinski (ML003748962). This updated guidance is necessary due to the issuance of Generic Letter 2003-01, Control Room Habitability on June 12, 2003 (ML031620248). This guidance only pertains to those amendment requests which require that conformance with GDC 19 be demonstrated as a part of the amendment approval process. If conformance with GDC 19 is not required, this guidance is not applicable. This guidance is applicable to all amendment requests made up to and 60 days following the issuance of Generic Letter 2003-01 (August 11, 2003). Amendment requests received after August 11, 2003 require that the information requested in the Generic Letter be provided.

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