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Mr. Barry S. Allen, Vice President
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE REVIEW OF THE
DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION (TAC NO. ME4640)

Dear Mr. Allen:

By letter dated August 27, 2010, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company submitted an application pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 54 for renewal of Operating License NPF-3 for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. The staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) is reviewing this application in accordance with the guidance in NUREG-1800, "Standard Review Plan for Review of License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants." During its review, the staff has identified areas where additional information is needed to complete the review. The staff's requests for additional information are included in the enclosure. Further requests for additional information may be issued in the future.

Items in the enclosure were discussed with Cliff Custer, of your staff, and a mutually agreeable date for the response is within 30 days from the date of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at 301-415-2277 or by e-mail at Brian.Harris2@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Harris", is positioned above the typed name.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-346

Enclosure.
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DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RAI B.1.4-4

Background:

In request for additional information (RAI) B.1.4-1, issued on May 19, 2011, the staff asked the applicant to describe the programmatic activities that will be used to continually identify aging issues, evaluate them, and as necessary, enhance the aging management programs (AMPs) or develop new AMPs for license renewal. After reviewing the applicant's response dated June 24, 2011, the staff issued follow-up RAI B.1.4-2, requesting specific details to the applicant's Operating Experience Program (OEP). In its response dated March 9, 2012, the applicant provided further details about its program.

On March 16, 2012, the NRC issued LR-ISG-2011-05, "Ongoing Review of Operating Experience" to clarify the staff's position that license renewal AMPs should be informed, and enhanced when necessary, based on the ongoing review of both plant-specific and industry operating experience.

Issue:

In reviewing aspects of the applicant's program against the guidance set forth in LR-ISG-2011-05, the staff needs further clarification regarding training.

Request:

Where the applicant states in the LRA Section A.1 that "personnel responsible for screening, evaluating and submitting . . . age-related operating experience items are qualified for the task," the staff is not clear what "qualified for the task" implies. In addition, the applicant's response to RAI B.1.4-2(e) is not clear in establishing the stated goals of the "needs analysis" for personnel training as it relates to age-related operating experience and maintenance of AMPs. Please provide updates to LRA Section A.1 and further clarification to your description regarding training related to operating experience, consistent with the guidance in LR-ISG-2011-05.

ENCLOSURE

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