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Please review the attached draft RAI item. It is in three parts. Please confirm that the item is understood so we can establish a mutually agreeable date for response or please request a conference call to clarify the request.

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According to Section A.1.4 in MRP-175, "Materials Reliability Program: PWR Internal Aging Degradation Mechanism Screening Threshold Values," susceptibility to stress corrosion cracking (SCC) in Nickel Base Alloy X-750 depends on the type of heat treatment that is performed on the alloy. High temperature heat treatment (HTH) process that is used on Alloy X-750 offers better resistance to SCC than the other age hardened heat treatment processes.

Previous operating experience in a US PWR unit indicates that the Alloy X-750 clevis insert bolt experienced cracking. In Table 4-9 of the MRP-227-A report, the MRP identified only wear as an aging mechanism for the clevis insert bolts.

A - Based on the operating experience as stated above, the staff believes that cracking should also be included as an active aging degradation in the clevis insert bolts. Therefore, the staff requests that the licensee confirm that Alloy X-750 material in HTH condition was used for clevis insert bolts at KPS.

B - If the Alloy X-750 material is not in HTH condition, the staff requests that the licensee include verification of aging degradation due to cracking in its inspection and evaluation guidelines for these bolts at KPS.

C - VT-3 examination of the bolts every 10 years would detect completely failed or missing bolts but not partially cracked bolts. Therefore, the staff requests the licensee to provide:

- (1) justification that VT-3 technique would be adequate for monitoring the cracking issue in the clevis insert bolts before it fails;
- (2) information on the number of clevis insert bolts that are necessary for maintaining their function during the extended period of operation; and,
- (3) information on the number of clevis insert bolts that are currently present at KPS.