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 installation sequence for pipe whip restraint,

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Dear Mr. Schwencer:

Subject: NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2
PIPE WHIP RESTRAINT INSTALLATION

Confirming discussions with Ms. R. Li of the Mechanical Engineering Branch, the installation sequence for pipe whip restraints inside containment will be as follows:

1. Prior to fuel load, pipe whip restraints will be positioned to maintain a clear gap around piping and bolts will be torqued to a small percentage of their fully-torqued value, but sufficient to hold restraints in place.
2. During the power ascension test program, piping thermal growth will be monitored and restraints will be re-positioned as required, to preclude contact between the restraints and piping.
3. Following the initial power escalation phase (to 100% power) of the power ascension test program, the plant will be shut down for an estimated 10 day period during which the turbine valve screens are to be removed. At this point the drywell piping will have been subjected to sufficient thermal cycles to converge on a repeatable "cold" position. During this 10 day outage, final adjustments to pipe whip restraints will be made, if necessary, and final torquing of bolts will be performed. Following final torquing of bolts, power ascension testing will be resumed for the remainder of testing to be performed.

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Please advise us if you have any questions or desire additional information concerning installation of pipe whip restraints.

Very truly yours,

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