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At present this condition does not warrant an emergency technical specification change request. Obviously, future events could change this status abruptly and elevate this request to that level. Should you require any further information or assistance to aid in expeditiously processing this request, please contact Mr. P. L. Powell, Manager, WNP-2 Licensing.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Ms. Adensam:

Subject: NUCLEAR PLANT NO. 2
OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21, REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT, DRYWELL AND SUPPRESSION CHAMBER PURGE SYSTEM SECTION 3.6.1.8

Reference: Letter, G02-85-858, G. C. Sorensen (SS) to E. G. Adensam (NRC), same subject, dated December 20, 1985

The reference requested that the subject technical specification standby gas system purge limit be changed from 90 to 150 hours. Recent discussions with your staff indicate that approval for this change could be handled much more expeditiously if it were on a one time only basis. Accordingly, with this letter, the Supply System amends the request made in the reference to be for a one time only change and will re-evaluate the need for a permanent technical specification change.

As stated in the reference, presently 80 of the allowed 90 hours have been expended with approximately 66 hours used in troubleshooting/investigating Recirculation Pump B mechanical problems. Presently, plant operating experience indicates that approximately one hour is used every two weeks to limit containment oxygen concentration per technical specification 3.6.6.2. Should containment entry be required prior to obtaining this one time only change, it is evident that compliance with the 90 hours would cause undue hardship due to plant maneuvering limitations. Additionally, some amount of time is necessary to support surveillance testing prior to the planned refueling outage in spring 1986. Approval of this one time only request will provide adequate margin to: 1) support these known activities and 2) provide some amount of time for any, as yet unforeseen, situation requiring containment entry, without imposing restrictions on plant maneuverability.

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