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Gentlemen:

Subject: WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
REACTOR VESSEL MATERIAL SURVEILLANCE
WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE, CHANGE REQUEST

In accordance with Section II.B.3 of Appendix H to 10 CFR 50, the Washington Public Power Supply System is requesting a change to the capsule withdrawal schedule for Nuclear Project No. 2.

The Supply System is requesting that RPV surveillance capsule No. 2 at 120° azimuth be put into standby and surveillance capsule No. 3 at 30° be withdrawn at 24 EFPY. The reason for this change is that capsule No. 2's basket had fallen off the holder sometime prior to the May 27, 1989 in-vessel examinations. The capsule was last seen in position during pre-service examinations. The basket and failed holder were removed from the vessel at the time of the in-vessel examination in 1989. The components were subsequently shipped to General Electric so a new assembly could be made and reinstalled in the vessel. The new assembly was reinstalled during the 1991 outage. Since this capsule missed some early-in-life exposure, it is appropriate to put it in the standby mode rather than being withdrawn at 24 EFPY.

In addition, the other two specimen holders were examined in 1989 and 1990 and found to be intact with no problems observed. During the 1991 outage the new capsule was installed at 120° azimuth and all three baskets and holders were reexamined with remote visual equipment and no indications or problems were observed. During the recent 1992 outage, all three specimen holders were examined again and no indications or problems were observed. The capsules will be returned to their normal in-vessel examination schedule after our current outage.

Sincerely,


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