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 for SGTS. Supply Sys expects to submit request to amend to TS
 for secondary containment by 961015.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE
JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUED OPERATION FOR
THE STANDBY GAS TREATMENT SYSTEM**

- References:
- 1) Letter GO2-89-176, dated September 29, 1989, GC Sorensen (SS) to NRC, "Unreviewed Safety Question Regarding Standby Gas Treatment"
 - 2) Letter dated January 3, 1990, RB Samworth (NRC) to GC Sorensen (SS), "Evaluation of JCO Regarding Standby Gas Treatment System Attainment of Secondary Containment Pressure" (TAC No. 75048)

The NRC recently performed an inspection of the Supply System's Engineering Department (Inspection 50-397/96-11). During the inspection it was requested that the Supply System provide the NRC a date by which a request for amendment to Technical Specifications would be submitted to eliminate the currently active Standby Gas Treatment (SGT) system justification for continued operation (JCO) (Reference 2). The amendment request would resolve an Unreviewed Safety Question (USQ) concerning the capability of the SGT system to drawdown secondary containment (Reference 1). The USQ has been addressed on a temporary basis by the JCO.

The Supply System expects to submit a request for amendment to the Technical Specifications for secondary containment by October 15, 1996. Since the JCO contains the current licensing basis for SGT drawdown of secondary containment, this submittal will include the proposed changes to the licensing basis and the justification necessary to support closeout of the JCO, as well as to support NRC review and approval of the amendment request.

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