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SUBJECT: RELIEF REQUEST FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS
(ASME) CODE REQUIREMENTS TO DELAY REPAIR OF LEAK IN A PIPING SUPPORT
ATTACHMENT ON THE SAFETY INJECTION RECIRCULATION PIPING, CALVERT
CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. M97438)

Dear Mr. Cruse:

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The NRC staff reviewed the subject request for relief and concluded that the use of the alternative method is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) as compliance with the ASME Code requirements would result in hardship or unusual difficulties without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety. A copy of our Safety Evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely,

/S/

S. Singh Bajwa, Acting Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No: 50-317

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