

February 21, 1997

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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION OF THE REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE TO THE  
AUGMENTED EXAMINATION OF REACTOR VESSEL- EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR  
PLANT, UNIT 2 (TAC NO. M97006)

Dear Mr. Woodard:

By letter dated October 29, 1996, you requested approval for an alternative to the examination requirement of reactor vessel shell weld, pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(A)(5) for Hatch Unit 2.

The staff has reviewed your submittal and finds that your alternative to the examination requirement of the reactor vessel shell weld is acceptable as discussed in the enclosed safety evaluation.

This completes our action regarding the above TAC. Please contact me at (301) 415-1496 if you have any comments regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-366

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