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Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-1409.

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING
CHANGE TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 3.4.5 TO
ALLOW STEAM GENERATOR TUBE SLEEVING USING THE COMBUSTION ENGINEERING PROCESS
BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-334 AND 50-412

By letter dated March 10, 1997, Duquesne Light Company (DLC) submitted a license amendment request to modify Technical Specification (TS) 3.4.5 to allow steam generator tube sleeving using the Combustion Engineering (CE) process. The NRC staff has initiated review of the proposed amendment but has determined that additional information is necessary to completed the review. The NRC staff requests that the licensee provide response to the following comments in order for the staff to complete the review.

1. The licensee should confirm that the existing TS plugging/repair limit for tubes (40%) is correct or provide an appropriate revision. Historically, some TSs used certified material test report (CMTR) values for tube material strength instead of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code minimums. The plugging/repair limit should use the ASME Code minimum for material strength in the calculation of Code allowable flaw depth minus NDE uncertainty (20%). The staff notes that in the amendment submittal the plugging limit for the CE sleeves (32%) is calculated in this desired manner.
2. The licensee committed to perform post weld heat treatment (PWHT) of the freespan sleeve welds. This commitment is congruent with the staff position on PWHT. However, there is no accompanying TS wording reflecting this commitment. Consequently, the licensee should provide suitable TS wording to include PWHT in the sleeving process or the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) should issue the amendment with a license condition to perform PWHT. Should the licensee decide to omit PWHT, then supporting technical justification should be submitted. Such justification should address issues including: projected impact on service life of the sleeve joints; anticipated plans for future repairs to the sleeve joints and/or steam generator replacement; and whether the omission of PWHT would result in a new or accelerated mode of degradation.
3. The staff believes that the licensee should adopt inspection and expansion criteria consistent with that of other facilities licensed to install sleeves. As a minimum, the initial sample selected at each inspection should include 20 percent of all sleeved tubes. Please provide appropriate wording and a table in the TS reflecting this criteria. For reference, a previously adopted table incorporated in the TSs of another licensee is attached.

Attachment: As stated

TABLE 4.4-3

STEAM GENERATOR REPAIRED TUBE INSPECTION

1ST SAMPLE INSPECTION			2ND SAMPLE INSPECTION	
Sample Size	Result	Action Required	Result	Action Required
A minimum of 20% of repaired tubes (1) (2)	C-1	None	N.A.	N.A.
	C-2	Plug defective repaired tubes and inspect 100% of the repaired tubes in this S.G.	C-1	None
			C-2	Plug defective repaired tubes
			C-3	Perform action for C-3 result of 1st sample
	C-3	Inspect all repaired tubes in this S.G., plug defective tubes and inspect 20% of the repaired tubes in each other S.G. Notification to NRC pursuant to §50.72 (b)(2) of 10 CFR Part 50	All other S.G.s are C-1	None
			Some S.G.s C-2 but no additional S.G. are C-3	Perform action for C-2 result of 1st sample
			Additional S.G. is C-3	Inspect all repaired tubes in each S.G. and plug defective tubes. Notification to NRC pursuant to §50.72 (b)(2) of 10 CFR Part 50

(1) Each repair method is considered a separate population for determination of scope expansion.

(2) The inspection of repaired tubes may be performed on tubes from 1 to 4 steam generators based on outage plans.