

September 24, 1998

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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION ON THE RESOLUTION OF UNRESOLVED SAFETY
ISSUE A-46 AT EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2
(TAC NOS. M69451 AND M69452)

Dear Mr. Sumner:

Enclosed is the staff's safety evaluation (SE) of your Unresolved Safety Issue (USI) A-46 implementation program at Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (Hatch), Units 1 and 2.

Your USI A-46 program at Hatch was established in response to Generic Letter 87-02 through a 10 CFR 50.54(f) letter. The staff concludes that your USI A-46 implementation program has, in general, met the purpose and intent of the criteria in the Generic Implementation Procedure, Revision 2 and the staff's Supplemental Safety Evaluation Report No. 2 for the resolution of USI A-46. The staff has determined that your corrective actions and completed physical modifications for resolution of outliers will result in safety enhancements, in certain aspects, that are beyond the original licensing basis, and as a result, provide sufficient basis to close the USI A-46 review at Hatch. The staff concludes that your implementation program to resolve USI A-46 at Hatch has adequately addressed the purpose of the 10 CFR 50.54(f) request. Your activities related to the USI A-46 implementation are subject to NRC inspection.

The staff considers its efforts under TAC Nos. M69451 and M69452 to be complete.

Sincerely,
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
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Your USI A-46 program at Hatch was established in response to Generic Letter 87-02 through a 10 CFR 50.54(f) letter. The staff concludes that your USI A-46 implementation program has, in general, met the purpose and intent of the criteria in the Generic Implementation Procedure, Revision 2 and the staff's Supplemental Safety Evaluation Report No. 2 for the resolution of USI A-46. The staff has determined that your corrective actions and completed physical modifications for resolution of outliers will result in safety enhancements, in certain aspects, that are beyond the original licensing basis, and as a result, provide sufficient basis to close the USI A-46 review at Hatch. The staff concludes that your implementation program to resolve USI A-46 at Hatch has adequately addressed the purpose of the 10 CFR 50.54(f) request. Your activities related to the USI A-46 implementation are subject to NRC inspection.

The staff considers its efforts under TAC Nos. M69451 and M69452 to be complete.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. N. Olshan", is positioned above the typed name.

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