

1 **Re: Replace Cooling Water System on Units 3 and 4**

2 Q. Is it correct that the existing piping has lasted for 40 years but similar piping
3 in Units 1 and 2 deteriorated to the point of requiring replacement within 5
4 years? If so, why?

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7 A. This is not correct. Sections of the Units 3 and 4 piping systems, as with the
8 systems on Units 1 and 2, have experienced corrosion and fouling such that
9 the carbon steel pipe components and associated valves had to be replaced
10 approximately every five years since the units have been in service. Those
11 piecemeal repairs have been done through regular maintenance. The
12 deteriorated infrastructure has reached a stage where complete replacement
13 is required. The replaced cooling water system will be composed of corrosion
14 and fouling resistant stainless steel components rather than carbon steel.