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**Subject: Marathon Control Rod Assembly Surveillance Program Update**

A little over one year ago Reference 1 provided a report on the surveillance of installed Marathon control rods. This letter provides an update to the inspections of Marathon control rods as well as plans for additional examinations and testing.

Please note that Enclosure 1 contains proprietary information of the type that GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) maintains in confidence and withholds from public disclosure. The information has been handled and classified as proprietary to GEH as indicated in its affidavit, also included in the report. The affidavit contained in Enclosure 3 identifies that the information contained in Enclosure 1 has been handled and classified as proprietary to GEH. GEH hereby requests that the information in Enclosure 1 be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.390 and 9.17.

Enclosure 1 is the proprietary version of the update and Enclosure 2 is a non-proprietary version. Enclosure 3 contains the affidavit.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Nelson at (910) 675-5829 or myself.

Sincerely,

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References:

1. Letter from Robert E. Brown (GE) to Document Control Desk (USNRC), Subject: Marathon Control Rod Assembly Surveillance Program Status, February 26, 2007, MFN 07-138.

Enclosures:

1. Marathon Control Rod Assembly Surveillance Program Update- GEH Proprietary Information
2. Marathon Control Rod Assembly Surveillance Program Update - Non-Proprietary Information
3. Affidavit dated April 11, 2008

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**Document Components:**

- 001 Cover Letter
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