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Enclosed is the Annual Report No. 51-for the deactivated General Electric Test Reactor (GETR) located at Vallecitos Nuclear Center near Sunol, California.

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**GENERAL ELECTRIC TEST REACTOR
(DEACTIVATED)**

**ANNUAL REPORT NO. 51
FOR THE YEAR 2009**

**LICENSE TR-1
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General Electric Test Reactor (Deactivated)

ANNUAL REPORT NO. 51

General Electric Company has maintained the General Electric Test Reactor (GETR) in a deactivated status under the authority of Amendment No. 16 to License TR-1, Docket 50-70, issued September 30, 1992. In this annual report, a summary of the status of the facility for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 is presented.

1.0 SUMMARY

The facility remains in essentially the same condition described in Annual Report No. 50. Entry into the reactor building was made for routine radiation surveys and a general examination of conditions throughout the building.

Radiation levels remain essentially unchanged.

2.0 STATUS OF FACILITY

In accordance with written procedures, the Facility Manager controls access to the containment building and general systems. The facility continues to be in deactivated status. There were no changes authorized by the Facility Manager pursuant to 10CFR50.59(a) and completed in 2009.

3.0 RADIATION AND CONTAMINATION

Complete radiation and contamination surveys of the facility indicate that levels remain low. Results of the surveys are presented in Table 1. The radiation/contamination levels listed are representative but not necessarily maximum values.

The data below are from sample and dosimeter results accumulated during 2009. These data are for the entire VNC site and include the effects of operations other than GETR.

3.1 GETR Stack

Not operated.

3.2 Air Monitors (Yearly average of all meteorological stations.)

Four environmental air monitoring stations are positioned approximately 90 degrees apart around the operating facilities of the site. Each station is equipped with a membrane filter that is changed weekly and analyzed for gross alpha and gross beta-gamma.

Alpha Concentration:

Weekly Maximum, $7.36 \times 10^{-13} \mu\text{Ci/cc}$

Weekly Average, $5.59 \times 10^{-14} \mu\text{Ci/cc}$

Beta Concentration:

Weekly Maximum, $7.29 \times 10^{-13} \mu\text{Ci/cc}$

Weekly Average, $9.30 \times 10^{-14} \mu\text{Ci/cc}$

3.3 Gamma Radiation

The yearly dose results for the year 2009 as determined from evaluation of site perimeter environmental monitoring dosimeters showed no departure from normal stable backgrounds.

3.4 Vegetation

No alpha, beta or gamma activity attributable to activities at the GETR facility was found on or in vegetation in the vicinity of the site.

3.5 Off-Site

Samples taken off the site indicate normal background for the area.

4.0 ACTIVITIES

Routine inspections were conducted during this report period. There were no preventive or corrective maintenance activities performed having safety significance during the reporting period.

5.0 ORGANIZATION

The management and operations organization for the GETR is described in Technical Specification 6 (Figure 1) of License TR-1. The organizational structure changed in 2009. The Level 1 Organizational Head for 2009 was D. W. Turner. The Level 2 Facility Manager during 2009 was J. L. Grinold for the first half of 2009, and D. W. Turner for the remainder of the year. At year-end, 2009, M. R. Schrag became the Level 2 Facility Manager

6.0 CONCLUSION

GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy concludes that the deactivated GETR is being maintained in a safe shutdown condition. The inspections, access control, and administratively controlled activities ensure maximum protection for the public health and safety. The procedures will be continued to maintain this high level of protection.

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Table 1
Radiation and Contamination Level Data
General Electric Test Reactor (Deactivated)

	Contamination Levels						
	Radiation Levels (mR/h Gamma)		Surface Smears Beta-Gamma (dpm/ft ²)		Airborne Beta-Gamma ¹ ($\mu\text{Ci/cc} \times 10^{-10}$)		
	Date of Measurement:	12/07	12/09	12/07	12/09	12/08	12/09
Reactor Enclosure							
Canal (field reading min.-max.)	<1 to 2.2	<1		<500			
3 rd Floor Zone (field reading min.-max.)	<1 to 2.5	<1 to 3	38,000	20,000			
3 rd Floor Clean Area	--	<1	<500				
Top of Missile Shield (Point A)	<1	4	<500		.003	4.96	
2 nd Floor (field reading min.-max.)	<1 to 78	<1 to no data		1,500			
2 nd Floor Clean Area	--	<1	<500				
1 st Floor Zone (field reading min.-max.)	<1 to 2.5	<1 to 3	7,000	10,000		2.12	
1 st Floor Clean Area	--	<1 to 3	1,000	500			
Basement, Rod Work Area	<1 / 8	<1 to 20	6,000	60,000	0.003	2.76	
Basement Clean Area	--	<1 to 20	3,500	2,000			

Note:

Radiation levels, surface smears, and air samples may vary from survey to survey as they are taken in general areas rather than at specific locations.

¹ 24-hour decayed values