February 25, 2011

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SUBJECT: DATE FOR RESUBMITTING RENWEAL APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS LICENSE SNM-960 AND THE DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING PLAN/COST ESTIMATE

Dear Mr. Murray:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) sent letters dated November 18, 2010, and November 29, 2010, to General Electric-Hitachi (GEH) stating that the most recent decommissioning funding plan and cost estimate (DFP/CE)[1, 2], and renewal application[3] of Materials License SNM-960, both lacked sufficient information to begin technical reviews.

In your December 17, 2010, letter you proposed a meeting to discuss expectations of GEH to revise the submittals. By letter dated December 22, 2010, GEH requested a 60-day extension from the date of a public meeting to resubmit the license application and the DFP/CE. On January 7, 2011, NRC set the due date for both the renewal application and the DFP/CE to February 28, 2011.

The NRC held a public meeting with GEH on February 8, 2011, to discuss the staff's expectations for a revised license application and DFP/CE. During the meeting, GEH again requested 60 days following the meeting to revise both submittals; your request was formally stated in a letter dated February 14, 2011. Given the extent of the revisions that were discussed during the public meeting, NRC is granting the 60-day extension. A revised application of License SNM-960 and a revised DFP/CE are both due to the NRC by Monday, April 11, 2011.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390(d) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Public Available Records System component of NRC's

[1]GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, L.L.C, "GE Vallecitos Facility Decommissioning and Closure Plan", July 2, 2009. ADAMS Accession Number ML091870361.

[2]GE Vallecitos Facility Decommissioning and Closure Cost Estimates, July 2, 2009. ADAMS Accession Number ML091870362.

[3]Letter from D. Turner, Vallecitos Nuclear Center, .Renewal of Materials License SNM 960, September 30, 2010. ADAMS Accession Number ML102740281.

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If you have questions, please contact Christopher Ryder of my staff at 301-492-3189, or via e-mail to Christopher.Ryder@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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