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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF FUKUSHIMA NEAR-TERM TASK FORCE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Dear Mr. Salas:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is preparing to implement some of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force recommendations, as described in Secretary of the Commission (SECY)-12-0025, "Proposed Orders and Requests for Information in Response to lessons learned from Japan's March 11, 2011, Great Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami," dated February 17, 2012. In SECY-12-0025, the staff stated that new reactors would be required to address certain Fukushima recommendations prior to certification. On March 9, 2012, the Commission approved, with certain modification, the recommendations of SECY-12-0025 in Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM)-12-0025. Accordingly, the staff will be requesting that you provide additional information that describes how you have addressed (or plan to address) the approved actions in SECY-12-0025 in your application. SECY-12-0025 and SRM-12-0025 are available in Agencywide Documents Access and Management System as Accession Nos. ML12039A103 and ML120690347, respectively. The subject areas to be addressed in the request for additional information (RAIs) will be:

- Recommendation 2.1 - Evaluation of the seismic hazards analysis as described in Enclosure 7 of SECY-12-0025.
- Recommendation 7.1 - Provisions for monitor key spent fuel pool parameters as described in Enclosure 6 of SECY-12-0025.
- Recommendation 9.3 - Provisions for enhancing emergency preparedness as described in Enclosure 7 of SECY-12-0025.

The NRC staff will be sending you specific questions regarding the above recommendations through the established RAI process for your application review.

- Recommendation 4.2 - Protection for equipment from external events as described in Enclosure 4 of SECY-12-0025 will be addressed at a later date.

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In accordance with the established eRAI process, after the staff issues the final RAIs you will have 30 days to provide either a technically complete response or a schedule for your response. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 301-415-3361 or email Getachew.tesfaye@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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