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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR THE UNITED STATES - ADVANCED  
PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR DESIGN CERTIFICATION

Dear Mr. Ogata:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a schedule change for the United States - Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor (US-APWR) Design Certification (DC) review. The schedule change is due to an increased scope of work associated with additional information provided or to be provided in support of the DC application.

The area contributing to the need for this revision of the review schedule is the seismic and structural analysis.

On October 12, 2012, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (MHI) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a final completion plan for the seismic and structural analyses of the US-APWR standard design. Subsequently, MHI has provided to the NRC additional and revised information associated with the completion plan. The plan outlines MHI's commitment to submit (1) new and revised technical reports that reflect changes to both the plant configuration and the seismic analysis methodologies and results, including the soil-structure-interaction analysis and the sliding stability of the Reactor Building Complex and the Turbine Building, (2) interim and final updates to Revision 3 of the Design Control Document for Sections 3.7 and 3.8 and associated appendices reflecting changes resulting from the revised and new technical reports, and (3) responses to staff's request for additional information. The NRC staff has completed its acceptance review of the technical reports that have been submitted to date and is currently performing the technical review of those reports. Based on MHI's final seismic completion plan and additional schedule changes communicated to the staff through January 22, 2013, the NRC staff plans to complete its Phase 2 review of Sections 3.7 and 3.8 of the DC application and the associated technical reports by May 2014. The revised schedule assumes that the technical information submitted by MHI includes appropriate level of detail and is technically sufficient.

The staff understands that MHI is developing a closure plan for a fuel performance technical issue. When submitted, the staff will review the closure plan to confirm that the Phase 4 completion date can be achieved.

This review schedule includes audits of pertinent calculations and design reports. It does not include the review of four technical reports identified in Table 1-4, "Technical Reports for Other

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Ciocco, Lead Project Manager for the US-APWR DC application at (301) 415-6391, or via e-mail at [Jeff.Ciocco@nrc.gov](mailto:Jeff.Ciocco@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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### US-APWR Design Certification Application Review Milestones

<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Completion Date (Old Schedule)</b>	<b>Completion Date (Revised Schedule)</b>
Phase 1 - Preliminary Safety Evaluation Report (SER) and Request for Additional Information	Completed	Completed
Phase 2 - SER with Open Items	November 2013	May 2014
Phase 3 - Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Review of SER with Open Items	March 2014	September 2014
Phase 4 - Advanced SER with No Open Items	August 2014	February 2015
Phase 5 - ACRS Review of Advanced SER with No Open Items	October 2014	April 2015
Phase 6 - Final SER	March 2015	September 2015
Final Design Certification Rule	August 2015	February 2016

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