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Byron Station, Units 1 and 2  
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66  
NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-454 and STN 50-455

Subject: First Six-Month Status Report in Response to March 12, 2012 Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051)

References:

1. NRC Order Number EA-12-051, " Issuance of Order to Modify Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation," dated March 12, 2012
2. NRC Interim Staff Guidance JLD-ISG-2012-03, "Compliance with Order EA-12-051, Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation," Revision 0, dated August 29, 2012
3. NEI 12-02, Industry Guidance for Compliance with NRC Order EA-12-051, "To Modify Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation," Revision 1, dated August 2012
4. Exelon Generation Company, LLC's Initial Status Report in Response to March 12, 2012 Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051), dated October 25, 2012
5. Exelon Generation Company, LLC, Overall Integrated Plan in Response to March 12, 2012 Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051), dated February 28, 2013 (RS-13-028)

On March 12, 2012, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC" or "Commission") issued an order (Reference 1) to Exelon Generation Company, LLC (EGC). Reference 1 was immediately effective and directs EGC to install reliable spent fuel pool level instrumentation. Specific requirements are outlined in Attachment 2 of Reference 1.

Reference 1 required submission of an initial status report 60 days following issuance of the final interim staff guidance (Reference 2) and an overall integrated plan pursuant to Section IV, Condition C. Reference 2 endorses industry guidance document NEI 12-02, Revision 1 (Reference 3) with clarifications and exceptions identified in Reference 2. Reference 4 provided

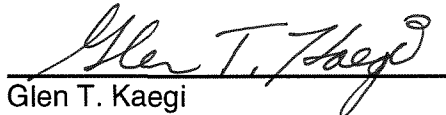
the EGC initial status report regarding reliable spent fuel pool instrumentation. Reference 5 provided the Byron Station, Units 1 and 2 overall integrated plan.

Reference 1 requires submission of a status report at six-month intervals following submittal of the overall integrated plan. Reference 3 provides direction regarding the content of the status reports. The purpose of this letter is to provide the first six-month status report pursuant to Section IV, Condition C.2, of Reference 1, that delineates progress made in implementing the requirements of Reference 1. The enclosed report provides an update of milestone accomplishments since the last status report, including any changes to the compliance method, schedule, or need for relief and the basis, if any.

This letter contains no new regulatory commitments. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact David P. Helker at 610-765-5525.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.

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Enclosure:

1. Byron Station, Units 1 and 2 First Six-Month Status Report for the Implementation of Order EA-12-051, Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation

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**Enclosure**

**Byron Station, Units 1 and 2**

**First Six-Month Status Report for the Implementation of Order EA-12-051, Order  
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(9 pages)

## Byron Station, Units 1 and 2

### First Six-Month Status Report for the Implementation of Order EA-12-051, Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation

#### 1 Introduction

Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, developed an Overall Integrated Plan (Reference 1 in Section 8), documenting the requirements to install reliable Spent Fuel Pool Level Instrumentation (SFPLI), in response to Reference 2. This enclosure provides an update of milestone accomplishments since submittal of the Overall Integrated Plan including any changes to the compliance method, schedule, or need for relief/relaxation and the basis, if any.

#### 2 Milestone Accomplishments

The following milestones have been completed since the development of the Overall Integrated Plan (Reference 1), and are current as of August 19, 2013.

- Detailed Engineering Design began on February 14, 2013
- Issued Exelon Fleet contract to procure Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (SFPI) on June 18, 2013
- Submitted responses to USNRC RAIs (Ref. 3 and 4) on July 3, 2013

#### 3 Milestone Schedule Status

The following provides an update to the milestone schedule to support the Overall Integrated Plan. This section provides the activity status of each item, and the expected completion date noting any change. The dates are planning dates subject to change as design and implementation details are developed.

The revised milestone target completion dates do not impact the order implementation date.

Milestone	Target Completion Date	Activity Status	Revised Target Completion Date
Submit 60 Day Status Report	October 25, 2012	Complete	
Submit Overall Integrated Plan	February 28, 2013	Complete	
Submit Responses to RAIs	July 5, 2013	Complete	
<b>Submit 6 Month Updates:</b>			
Update 1	August 28, 2013	Complete with this submittal	

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Milestone	Target Completion Date	Activity Status	Revised Target Completion Date
Update 2	February 28, 2014	Not Started	
Update 3	August 28, 2014	Not Started	
Update 4	February 28, 2015	Not Started	
<b>Modifications:</b>			
Conceptual Design	3Q2012	Complete	
Begin Detailed Design Engineering	1Q2013	Complete	
Issue Exelon Fleet contract to procure SFPI Equipment	2Q2013	Complete	
Complete and Issue SFPI Modification Package	4Q2013	Started	1Q2014
Begin Installation	2Q2014	Not Started	
Complete SFPI Installation and Put Into Service	4Q2014	Not Started	

**4 Changes to Compliance Method**

There are no changes to the compliance method as documented in the Overall Integrated Plan (Reference 1).

**5 Need for Relief/Relaxation and Basis for the Relief/Relaxation**

Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, expects to comply with the order implementation date and no relief/relaxation is required at this time.

**6 Open Items from Overall Integrated Plan and Draft Safety Evaluation**

The following tables provide a summary of the open items documented in the Overall Integrated Plan (Reference 1) or the Draft Safety Evaluation (SE) and the status of each item.

Overall Integrated Plan Open Items		
OI#	Description	Status
1 (RAI-1a,	<b>Identification of Spent Fuel Pool Water Levels</b>	Started. Note that the completion date for design

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Ref.4)	The detailed design will include a calculation to determine adequate water level to maintain normal fuel pool cooling system operation. This information will be available following acceptance of the 100% design, scheduled for January 2014. The result will be provided in the February 2014, 6-month Integrated Plan update report to the NRC.	has changed from December 2013 to January 2014; however, submittal of results in February 2014 has not changed.
2 (Ref.1)	<p><b>Instruments</b></p> <p>Continuous level indication will be provided by a guided wave radar system, submersible pressure transducer, or other appropriate level sensing technology that will be determined during the detailed engineering phase of the project.</p>	<p>Complete.</p> <p>The Westinghouse Spent Fuel Pool Level Indication instrumentation was selected consistent with the guidelines of NRC JLD-ISG-2012-03 and NEI 12-02. The instrument is a guided wave radar system. It provides the capability to reliably monitor the spent fuel pool water level under normal and anticipated adverse environmental conditions.</p> <p>The sensor input to the system is a guided wave radar probe. Using the principle of time domain reflectometry (TDR) to detect the SFP water level, microwave signals are pulsed down the cable probe and reflected back from the water surface. This is used to determine the level of the water in the pool.</p> <p>Each water level measurement channel includes a flexible stainless-steel sensor cable probe suspended in the spent fuel pool from a seismic Category 1 bracket attached to the operating deck or to a raised curb at the side of the pool. The cable probe extends to just above the top of the spent fuel racks. The sensor electronics are mounted in seismic and missile protected areas outside of the building housing the SFP to minimize exposure to elevated radiation and environmental conditions which could result from a postulated loss of water inventory in the pool. There is an interconnecting cable between the</p>

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		<p>sensor cable probe and sensor electronics.</p> <p>The sensor electronics provide an instrument standard analog signal to a remote enclosure that will be installed in an accessible location. This enclosure contains the Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS), backup battery, and water level display. The enclosure also includes the capability to connect an emergency or temporary external power source as part of the FLEX mitigating strategies.</p> <p>Attachment 1 shows the components and arrangement of the guided wave radar system spent fuel pool level sensor and electronics enclosure for one channel.</p>
<p>3 (RAI-2, Ref.4)</p>	<p>The detailed design will include cable routing drawings from the Spent Fuel Pool to each channel indicator. The current plan for the SFPI design of the system based on the current Exelon Nuclear program schedule for Byron started the design phase in June 2013 with design completion and 100% acceptance of the design in January 2014. The requested information will be provided in the February 2014, 6-month Integrated Plan update.</p>	<p>Started.</p> <p>Note that the completion date for design has changed from December 2013 to January 2014; however, submittal of results in February 2014 has not changed.</p>
<p>4 (RAI-3, Ref.4)</p>	<p>Device total loading and mounting will be performed as part of the detailed design process. The current plan for the SFPI design of the system based on the current Exelon Nuclear program schedule for Byron started the design phase in June 2013 with design completion and 100% acceptance of the design in January 2014. The requested information will be provided in the February 2014, 6-month Integrated Plan update.</p>	<p>Started.</p> <p>Note that the completion date for design has changed from December 2013 to January 2014; however, submittal of results in February 2014 has not changed.</p>

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<p>5 (RAI-4, Ref.4)</p>	<p>Device qualification and reliability will be performed as part of the detailed design process. The current plan for the SFPI design of the system based on the current Exelon Nuclear program schedule for Byron started the design phase in June 2013 with design completion and 100% acceptance of the design in January 2014. The requested information will be provided in the February 2014, 6-month Integrated Plan update.</p>	<p>Started.  Note that the completion date for design has changed from December 2013 to January 2014; however, submittal of results in February 2014 has not changed.</p>
<p>6 (RAI-5, Ref.4)</p>	<p>Device channel independence evaluation will be performed as part of the detailed design process. The current plan for the SFPI design of the system based on the current Exelon Nuclear program schedule for Byron started the design phase in June 2013 with design completion and 100% acceptance of the design in January 2014. The requested information will be provided in the February 2014, 6-month Integrated Plan update.</p>	<p>Started.  Note that the completion date for design has changed from December 2013 to January 2014; however, submittal of results in February 2014 has not changed.</p>
<p>7 (RAI-6, Ref.4)</p>	<p>Device total power supply configuration will be performed as part of the detailed design process. The current plan for the SFPI design of the system based on the current Exelon Nuclear program schedule for Byron started the design phase in June 2013 with design completion and 100% acceptance of the design in January 2014. The requested information will be provided in the February 2014, 6-month Integrated Plan update.</p>	<p>Started.  Note that the completion date for design has changed from December 2013 to January 2014; however, submittal of results in February 2014 has not changed.</p>
<p>8 (RAI-7, Ref.4)</p>	<p>Device channel accuracy analysis will be performed as part of the detailed design process. The current plan for the SFPI design of the system based on the current Exelon Nuclear program schedule for Byron started the design phase in June 2013 with design completion and 100% acceptance of the</p>	<p>Started.  Note that the completion date for design has changed from December 2013 to January 2014; however, submittal of results in February 2014 has not changed.</p>



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	design in January 2014. The requested information will be provided in the February 2014, 6-month Integrated Plan update.	
9 (RAI-8, Ref.4)	Device testing requirement analysis will be performed as part of the detailed design process just prior to turnover to Operations. The current plan for the SFPI design of the system based on the current Exelon Nuclear program schedule for Byron started the design phase in June 2013 with design completion and 100% acceptance of the design in January 2014. Following the issue of the design, procedures will start being developed with a projected July 2014 completion date. The requested information will be provided in the August 2014, 6-month Integrated Plan update.	Not started.  Note that the completion date for design has changed from December 2013 to January 2014; however, submittal of results in August 2014 has not changed.
10 (RAI-9, Ref.4)	Device channel display location will be finalized during the detailed design process. The current plan for the SFPI design of the system based on the current Exelon Nuclear program schedule for Byron started the design phase in June 2013 with design completion and 100% acceptance of the design in December 2013. The requested information will be provided in the February 2014, 6-month Integrated Plan update.	Complete.  Both the primary and backup channel Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation displays will be located in the main control room. The primary channel display will be located on a Unit 1 main control room panel with the backup channel display located on a Unit 2 main control room panel.
11 (RAI-10, Ref.4)	Device program features analysis will be performed as part of the detailed design process just prior to turnover to Operations. The current plan for the SFPI design of the system based on the current Exelon Nuclear program schedule for Byron started the design phase in June 2013 with design completion and 100% acceptance of the design in January 2014. Following the issue of the design, procedures will start being developed with a projected July	Not Started.  Note that the completion date for design has changed from December 2013 to January 2014; however, submittal of results in August 2014 has not changed.

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	2014 completion date. The requested information will be provided in the August 2014, 6-month Integrated Plan update.	
12 (RAI-11, Ref.4)	Device testing and calibration requirements analysis will be performed as part of the detailed design process just prior to turnover to Operations. The current plan for the SFPI design of the system based on the current Exelon Nuclear program schedule for Byron started the design phase in June 2013 with design completion and 100% acceptance of the design in January 2014. Following the issue of the design, procedures will start being developed with a projected July 2014 completion date. The requested information will be provided in the August 2014, 6-month Integrated Plan update.	Not Started.  Note that the completion date for design has changed from December 2013 to January 2014; however, submittal of results in August 2014 has not changed.

<b>Draft Safety Evaluation Open Items</b>		
<b>OI#</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
	None at this time.	

**7 Potential Draft Safety Evaluation Impacts**

There are no potential impacts to the Draft Safety Evaluation identified at this time.

**8 References**

The following references support the updates to the Overall Integrated Plan described in this enclosure.

1. Exelon Generation Company, LLC, letter to USNRC, "Overall Integrated Plan in Response to March 12, 2012 Commission Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order Number EA-12-051)," dated February 28, 2013 (RS-13- 028)
2. NRC Order Number EA-12-051, "Issuance of Order Modifying Licenses with Regard to Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation," dated March 12, 2012.

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3. USNRC letter to Exelon Generation Company, LLC, Request for Additional Information Regarding Overall Integrated Plan for Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation, dated June 7, 2013.
4. Exelon Generation Company, LLC, letter to USNRC, "Response to Request for Additional Information – Overall Integrated Plan in Response to Commission Order Modifying License Requirements for Reliable Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation (Order No. EA-12-051)", dated July 3, 2013 (RS-13-156).

# Attachment 1

## Spent Fuel Pool Instrumentation System

