

May 22, 2014

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF GE HITACHI QUALITY ASSURANCE  
TOPICAL REPORT NEDO-11209, "GE HITACHI NUCLEAR ENERGY QUALITY  
ASSURANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION," REVISION 11, MARCH 31, 2014  
(TAC NO. MF3792)

Dear Mr. Head:

By letter dated March 31, 2014, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GE Hitachi) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) NEDO-11209, Revision 11, "GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Quality Assurance Program Description." The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of this TR. We have found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our review. We expect to issue our request for additional information by August 1, 2014, and issue its draft safety evaluation (SE) by October 2, 2014. This schedule information takes in consideration the NRC's current review priorities and available technical resources and may be subject to change. If modifications to these dates are deemed necessary, we will provide approximate updates to this information. The NRC staff estimates that the review will require approximately 240 staff hours including management time. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon in an e-mail between Mr. James Harrison and NRC staff on April 16, 2014.

Section 170.21 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, NRC staff hours will be billed accordingly.

As with all TRs, the SE will be reviewed by the NRC's Office of the General Council (OGC) to determine whether it falls within the scope of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). During the course of this review, OGC considers whether any endorsement or acceptance of a TR by the NRC amounts to a rule as defined in the CRA. If this initial review concludes that the SE, with its accompanying TR, may be a rule, the NRC will forward the package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for further review and consideration. Any review by OMB would impact the schedule for the final issuance of the SE.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Joseph A. Golla at (301) 415-1002.

Sincerely,

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