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Mr. Bryan C. Hanson
President and Chief Nuclear Officer
Exelon Generation Company, LLC
4300 Winfield Road
Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION – ACCEPTANCE OF
REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION REGARDING CERTIFIED FUEL HANDLER
TRAINING PROGRAM (CAC NO. MF7292)

Dear Mr. Hanson:

By letter dated January 7, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML110070507), the licensee submitted Notification of Permanent Cessation of Power Operations for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS). In this letter, Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon or the licensee) provided notification to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of its intent to permanently cease power operations no later than December 31, 2019. After certifications of permanent cessation of power operations and permanent removal of fuel from the reactor vessel for OCNGS are submitted in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 50, Section 82(a)(1)(i) and (ii), the 10 CFR 50 license will no longer authorize reactor operation or placement or retention of fuel in the reactor vessel. As a result, licensed reactor operators will no longer be required to support plant operating activities. Instead, approval of a Certified Fuel Handler (CFH) Training and Retraining Program is needed to facilitate activities associated with decommissioning and irradiated fuel handling and management.

By letter dated January 29, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16029A387), Exelon submitted its CFH Training and Retraining Program for OCNGS to the NRC for approval. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this licensing action request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The licensee requested NRC approval of the OCNGS CFH Training and Retraining Program to ensure that the monitoring, handling, storage, and cooling of irradiated fuel is performed in a safe manner. As defined in 10 CFR Section 50.2, the CFH is a non-licensed operator who is qualified in accordance with a fuel handler training program approved by the NRC. Non-licensed personnel are trained in accordance with 10 CFR Section 50.120.

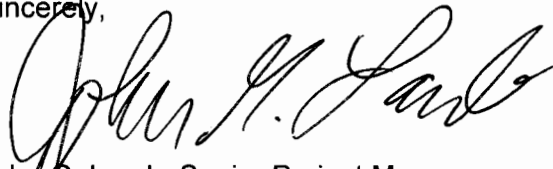
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The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed licensing action in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3100 or John.Lamb@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Lamb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "L".

John G. Lamb, Senior Project Manager
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