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Subject: Acceptance Review for James A. FitzPatrick NPP Technical Specification Amendment Request Related to Decommissioning Staffing and Training

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By letter dated January 15, 2016 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16015A456; CAC MF7280), Entergy Nuclear Operations (ENO) submitted a License Amendment Request (LAR) for the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (JAF) Technical Specifications (TS). On November 18, 2015, ENO provided a formal notification to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of its intention to permanently cease power operations of JAF at the end of the current operating cycle (ADAMS Accession Number ML15322A273). Once certifications for permanent cessation of operation and permanent removal of fuel from the reactor are submitted to the NRC, certain TS administrative controls may no longer be applicable. Therefore, ENO is requesting approval of changes to the staffing and training requirements in Section 5.0, Administrative Controls, of the JAF TSs that ENO considers appropriate for a permanently shutdown reactor and consistent with the defueled TSs of other decommissioning power reactors. The proposed amendment would not be effective until the certification of permanent cessation of operation and certification of permanent removal of fuel from the reactor vessel are submitted to the NRC.

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of ENO's submittal. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to begin its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the submittal has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements.

The NRC staff has reviewed ENO's request for approval of the LAR for JAF to revise administrative controls in TS Sections 5.1 "Responsibility," 5.2 "Organization," and 5.3 "Plant Staff Qualifications" once it has permanently shutdown and defueled the reactor. The staff has concluded that the LAR provides technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to begin its detailed technical review of the submittal, and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed program. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified, despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

Please contact me if you have any questions. A copy of this email will be made publicly available in ADAMS.

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