

February 19, 2016

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FORMAL DISAGREEMENT WITH ADVERSARY
CHARACTERISTICS, ATTRIBUTES, OR TACTICS EMPLOYED OR
PREPARED AS PART OF A U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
FORCE-ON-FORCE EVALUATED EXERCISE – DISPUTED ITEM
05000458/2016201-01

Dear Mr. Cook:

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In your email, you dispute a tactic, technique, or procedure (TTP) within scenario 1 developed by the NRC force-on-force inspection team.

The NRC has carefully reviewed your formal escalation, and concluded that the disputed TTP is approved for use within the NRC-evaluated scenario for the following reasons: (1) it is within the design basis threat, (2) it is supported by available data, (3) it is within your ability to provide defense-in-depth, (4) it can be safely performed and controlled, and (5) it provides a credible and realistic challenge to your site’s protective strategy.

If you would like to appeal this decision, please provide a written response upon receipt of this letter with the basis for your appeal, to the Deputy Director, DSO.

Sincerely,

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