

February 22, 2016

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The NRC carefully reviewed your appeal to the initial decision, 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.

Sincerely,

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