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EA-16-060

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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISPUTED NOTICE OF VIOLATION (EA-16-060)

Dear Mr. Burch:

Thank you for your response, dated February 26, 2016, to the Notice of Violation (NOV) issued on January 28, 2016. The NOV was in regards to inspections conducted October 1 through December 31, 2015, at the BWXT Nuclear Operations Group (NOG), Inc., facility in Lynchburg, VA. We acknowledge receipt of your reply to Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Inspection Report No. 70-27/2015-005.

In your letter, you dispute that the violation (70-27/2015-005-01) occurred as stated. More specifically, BWXT contends that management measures in place to ensure the availability and reliability of the item relied on for safety (IROFS) were adequate to meet 10 CFR 70.62(d). The IROFS referenced is the Container Storage Facility (CSF) wet-pipe sprinkler.

The NRC is evaluating your response to the violation and you will be notified of our conclusion at a later date.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 404-997-4555.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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