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**SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION TO LETTER DATED OCTOBER 21, 2015, REGARDING  
INSPECTION OF PART 52 OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAMS**

Dear Mr. Yox:

As a result of the recent changes to Inspection Procedure (IP) 41501, "Review of Training and Qualification Programs," issued April 27, 2016, it is necessary for us to revise our position regarding inspection of IP 41501 as stated in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) letter dated October 21, 2015, (ADAMS Accession No. ML15295A200).

Section 02.03 (a), "Accreditation," of IP 41501 states, in part, that the National Nuclear Accrediting Board (NNAB) accredited training programs developed in accordance with the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) guidelines have been developed using the systems approach to training (SAT) principles. The NRC has endorsed NNAB accreditation as a method of complying with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 55 for licensed operator training and 10 CFR 50.120 for non-licensed staff training.

However, Section 02.03 (c) of IP 41501 states, in part, that training programs for which regulations are in place (e.g. fire brigade, emergency response, security) are not subject to accreditation and are not affected by endorsement of accreditation. Therefore, IP 41501 Sections 02.02.a.3, 02.02.a.4, 02.02.a.5, 02.02.a.6, and 02.02.b will be performed, as they relate to training programs for staff which fall under regulations other than 10 CFR Part 55 and 10 CFR 50.120, and are not subject to NNAB accreditation.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (404) 997-4530.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

Rebecca Nease, Chief  
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Division of Construction Projects

Docket No. 52-027, 52-028  
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