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Mr. Richard J. Freudenberger
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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF RESPONSE DATE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Dear Mr. Freudenberger:

We have reviewed your letter dated January 16, 2017, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17046A055), requesting an extension of 90 days, until April 19, 2017, for responding to our request for supplemental information issued on December 5, 2017, (ADAMS Accession No. ML16327A031), concerning your response to Generic Letter 2015-01, "Treatment of Natural Phenomena Hazards in Fuel Cycle Facilities" (ADAMS Accession No. ML14328A029). In addition, we have received the screening methodology supporting your request transmitted by letter dated February 17, 2017, (ADAMS Accession No. ML17055C460).

Based on submitting the screening methodology to support this request, your request for an extension is granted. This letter granting the extension request does not constitute approval of the methodology submitted on February 17, 2017. Upon receipt of your responses, we will proceed to evaluate the adequacy of the responses, document the results of our evaluation, and perform inspections consistent with the GL closure strategy, "Closure Strategy for Generic Letter 2015-01" (ADAMS Accession No. ML15195A474), and TI 2600/016 "Inspection Activities Associated with NRC Generic Letter 2015-01," respectively. The review may identify issues that require additional resolution.

The staff considers your 90 day extension request adequate considering the scope of work being performed and the level of assurance the NRC staff has that the requested extension does not represent an undue risk to public health and safety. This determination is based on consideration of your statements that preliminary analyses indicate the workers, the public, and the environment will not be impacted while additional analyses are completed. The staff notes that, as progress is made in the evaluation of the facility, you are expected to adhere to the reporting requirements of 10 CFR 70.74 which includes a 24 hour report to the NRC Operations Center of any event or condition that results in the facility being in a state that was not analyzed, was improperly analyzed, or is different from that analyzed in the ISA, and which results in failure to meet the performance requirements of 10 CFR 70.61. In the case NRC receives such notification of potential events that could exceed the performance requirements, the NRC will determine if additional regulatory actions are necessary.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-7506, or via e-mail at Kevin.Ramsey@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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