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SUBJECT: TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION/TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
SYSTEM NUCLEAR SCIENCE CENTER - CLOSEOUT OF GENERIC LETTER  
2016-01, "MONITORING OF NEUTRON-ABSORBING MATERIALS IN SPENT  
FUEL POOLS," DOCKET NO. 50-128 (CAC NO. A11010)

On April 7, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 2016-01, "Monitoring of Neutron-Absorbing Materials in Spent Fuel Pools" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16097A169), to address the degradation of neutron-absorbing materials (NAM) in wet storage systems for reactor fuel at power and non-power reactors.

For the non-power reactors, GL 2016-01 requested that licensees provide facility-specific information related to the use of NAM. This information was needed by the NRC staff to verify continued compliance through licensee implementation of effective methods for monitoring of reactor fuel in wet storage so as to detect and mitigate any degradation or deformation of NAM when credited in the facility licensing or design basis for criticality control of fuel in wet storage.

On October 31, 2016, Texas Engineering Experiment Station/Texas A&M University System submitted a response to GL 2016-01 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16305A196) for Texas Engineering Experiment Station/Texas A&M University System Nuclear Science Center. The NRC staff conducted a review of your response to GL 2016-01 and determined that your facility does not use NAM in wet fuel storage. Based upon the information you submitted in response to GL 2016-01 and the results of the NRC staff review, the staff has determined that the submission addresses the information requested in GL 2016-01. No further information or action is requested regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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