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Dr. Dennis Bley, Chairman  
Advisory Committee on  
Reactor Safeguards  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
LETTER, "REPORT ON SUBSEQUENT LICENSE RENEWAL," DATED  
APRIL 18, 2017

Dear Dr. Bley:

This letter provides the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's response to your letter dated April 18, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17108A446). In this letter, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) discussed its review of three final subsequent license renewal guidance documents:

- NUREG-2191, Volume 1, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned for Subsequent License Renewal (GALL-SLR) Report"
- NUREG-2191, Volume 2, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned for Subsequent License Renewal (GALL-SLR) Report"
- NUREG-2192, "Standard Review Plan for Review of Subsequent License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants"

The ACRS concluded that these documents provide appropriate guidance for review of a subsequent license renewal application and provide a framework for license extension for 20 years of safe operation beyond 60 years. The ACRS recommended that they be issued. Furthermore, the ACRS concluded that the proposed review process that is informed by the aging management program audit and the use of Inspection Procedure 71003, "Post-Approval Site Inspection for License Renewal," will assure that the facility is formally inspected, commitments are met, and conditions related to subsequent license renewal are fulfilled.

The staff is on schedule to publish the above three guidance documents by July 2017. The NRC will begin to apply the improved subsequent license renewal application review process as applications for subsequent license renewal are received. As recommended by the ACRS, an NRC inspector familiar with the site will participate in the Phase II inspection that will be conducted using Inspection Procedure 71003.

The staff thanks ACRS for its comments and recommendations during the development of the subsequent license renewal guidance documents and subsequent license renewal review process. We appreciate the Committee's in-depth review of the revisions in the guidance documents and the Committee's conclusions regarding the framework that has been developed for subsequent license renewal.

Sincerely,

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