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SUBJECT: DRAFT SAFETY EVALUATION FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT 45 TO NEDE-24011-P-A-24, "GENERAL ELECTRIC STANDARD APPLICATION FOR REACTOR FUEL (GESTARII) TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF GESTARII TO PLANTS THAT HAVE SPECIFIC APPROVAL TO OPERATE AT GREATER THAN 120% OLTP IN THE MELLA+ DOMAIN" (CAC NO. MF9621)

Dear Mr. Head:

By letter dated April 13, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML17103A372), Global Nuclear Fuel – Americas (GNF) submitted "Proposed Amendment 45 to NEDE-24011-P-A-24, "General Electric Standard Application for Reactor Fuel (GESTARII) to Clarify the Application of GESTARII to Plants that Have Specific Approval to Operate at Greater Than 120% OLTP in the MELLA+ Domain," to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review. Enclosed for GNF review and comment is a copy of the NRC staff's draft safety evaluation (SE) for the licensing topical report.

We are providing you with the opportunity to comment on any proprietary aspects. If you believe that any information in the enclosure is proprietary, please identify such information line-by-line and define the basis pursuant to the criteria of 10 CFR 2.390. Twenty working days are provided for you to comment on the proprietary aspects and any factual errors or clarity concerns contained in the draft SE. The final SE will be issued after making any necessary changes and, if any proprietary information is identified, a non-proprietary version will be made publicly available. The NRC staff's disposition of your comments on the draft SE will be discussed in the final SE.

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To facilitate the NRC staff's review of your comments, please provide a marked-up copy of the draft SE showing proposed changes and provide a summary table of the proposed changes.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Golla at 301-415-1002.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Project No. 712

Enclosure:
Draft Safety Evaluation

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