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Cc: Chief, Quality Assurance Vendor Inspection Branch-2, Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Programs, Office of New Reactors.

This letter serves to provide additional support the Konecranes Nuclear Equipment & Services, LLC (KNES) Reply to a Notice of Nonconformance-Additional Information furnished as planned to support final review and closure of Nonconformance 99901451/2017-201-01.

Reference: Inspection Report No. 99901451/2017-201

Enclosures: Customer Acceptance Letter as follows:

1. Customer Acceptance letter: AI 17-14312-01 dated 10/12/2017 with attachments  
There are (2) **bracketed** public view copies with proprietary information removed and a proprietary statement added to the final 3 pages that are designated as not for release to public. This is provided based on an email request by Yamir Diaz-Castillo on 11/14/17.

Konecranes Nuclear Equipment & Services, LLC (KNES) is pleased to furnish the enclosed objective evidence as requested by the NRC and feel confident that the review of this information by the NRC will result in the acceptance of our response and ultimate closure of this nonconformance.

Sincerely  
Konecranes Nuclear Equipment & services, LLC



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Global Director of Nuclear Quality

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**AI 17-14312-01**

**NRC QUESTION FOR POLAR CRANE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON THE USE OF  
NYLATRON® MATERIAL FOR SHEAVES**

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KNES provided APS with a justification for the use of Nylatron®, including a white paper dated August 24, 2017. (See attached vendor memo, Subject: *APS Polar Crane Modification Justification for Using NYLATRON® GSM BLUE Sheaves*).

The Nylatron® sheaves were specifically addressed in the Main and Auxiliary Hoist Reeving calculations (See sections 5.3.5 of both SDOCs CN390-A00181 and 204, respectively) each of which went through formal engineering review, comment, and approval from APS modification engineering, civil design engineering and the architect engineering firm mechanical engineer. The sheave design uses Nylatron® GSM Blue material which is designed specifically for sheave applications to provide significant weight savings on trolleys (approximately 8,000 lbs.) and reduced loading on the wire rope, as described in the aforementioned white paper.

The crane vendor failure modes and effects analysis (See SDOC CN390-A00182, Tables 1 and 3 for the Main and Auxiliary Hoist, respectively) documents that a failure of a sheave will not result in a loss of load. In addition, the supporting sheave pins are designed with greater than a 10:1 safety factor as described in the reeving calculations.

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The PVNGS Polar Crane replacement is being performed under design modification work order (DMWO) 3282819. The 10 CFR 50.59 for this modification addresses this NOG-1 exception (See Screening S-16-0014), and references the technical justifications for the Nylatron® material with regard to its load carrying capability, containment environmental effects and post-accident sump performance, e.g., no impacts on sump performance or in-vessel effects (See SDOC CN390-A00239 for the technical evaluation).

This issue was originally identified in *Konecranes Nuclear Equipment & Services LLC's Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspection Report No. 99901451/2017-201*, and *Notice of Nonconformance*, dated September 13, 2017 (ADAMS Accession number ML 17235B230). KNES initiated corrective/preventive action report (P/CAR) No. 749 to address this issue. KNES is documenting the results of the extent of condition review for this issue and is determining the effects, if any, on any previously delivered safety-related components.

APS provided a letter (ID number 484-09275) dated October 12, 2017, to the crane vendor through the procurement process, accepting the NOG-1 exception for use of the Nylatron® sheaves material, which will support resolution of the identified nonconformance.

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With all documents associated with the use of Nylatron and the DMWO Package approved for installation, the exception to NOG-1 for the use of Nylatron is formally accepted by APS for use in the replacement trolleys for all three units.

Regards,

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