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Subject: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATION CONCERNING REVISIONS TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 5.5.12 TO EXTEND CONTAINMENT LEAK TEST FREQUENCY (EPID L-2018-LLA-0055)

Dear Mr. Lashley:

By letter dated March 7, 2018, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company submitted an amendment request for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1. The proposed amendment would revise Technical Specification (TS) 5.5.12, "Primary Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program," to follow guidance developed by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) in topical report NEI 94-01, "Industry Guideline for Implementing Performance-Based Option of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J," Revision 3-A, dated July 2012, with the conditions and limitations specified in NEI 94-01, Revision 2-A, dated October 2008. The proposed license amendment would also revise TS 5.5.12 by deleting two of the four listed exceptions to program guidelines.

The purpose of this email is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of the proposed license amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, an amendment to the license (including the TSs) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 500 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review by the requested date of March 9, 2019. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates will be communicated, during the routine interactions.

These estimates are based on the staff's initial review of the application and they could change, due to several factors including requests for additional information, unanticipated addition of scope to the review, and review by NRC advisory committees or hearing-related activities.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1627.

Sincerely,
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