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**SUBJECT: CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 –
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION NEEDED FOR ACCEPTANCE OF
REQUESTED LICENSING ACTIONS RE: RISK-INFORMED APPROACH TO
CLOSURE FOR GENERIC SAFETY ISSUE-191 (EPID L-2018-LLA-0222 AND
EPID L-2018-LLE-0013)**

Dear Mr. Hanson:

By letter dated August 13, 2018 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML18226A189), Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) submitted a license amendment and exemption request for Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Calvert Cliffs). The proposed amendments would change the Calvert Cliffs' licensing bases, including the affected portions of the Technical Specifications and Updated Final Safety Analysis Report. Additionally, Exelon requested exemptions from certain requirements in Section 50.46(a)(1) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). Specifically, the proposed amendments and exemptions would allow the use of a risk-informed approach to address safety issues discussed in Generic Safety Issue -191, "Assessment of Debris Accumulation on Pressurized-Water Reactor Sump Performance" and close out generic letter (GL) 2004-02, "Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on Emergency Recirculation During Design Basis Accidents at Pressurized-Water Reactors" (ADAMS Accession No. ML042360586).

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this 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 10 CFR, an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following, as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations. Exelon's exemption request relies on the technical justification for the risk-informed method described as part of the license amendment request.

In order for the technical information in the request to be sufficient for a detailed review, the NRC staff requests that Exelon supplement the application to address the information described below by October 12, 2018. This will enable the NRC staff to begin its detailed technical review. If the information responsive to the NRC staff's request is not received by the above date, the application will not be accepted for review pursuant to 10 CFR 2.101, and the NRC will cease its review activities associated with the application. If the application is subsequently accepted for review, you will be advised of any further information needed to support the staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

Information Needed to Fully Describe Change

- For in-vessel effects, provide a summary description of methodology for calculating the amount of fiber that transports to the reactor core.
- Provide the following information to show that the in-vessel effects evaluation is consistent with or bounded by methods described in WCAP-16793-NP-A, Revision 2, "Evaluation of Long-Term Cooling Considering Particulate, Fibrous and Chemical Debris in the Recirculating Fluid," dated July 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13239A114):
 - Hot-leg break driving head available
 - ECCS flow rates
 - Types of fuel and inlet filters
 - How the fiber penetration amounts were determined
 - Cold-leg break fiber amount per fuel assembly.

The information requested and associated timeframe in this letter were discussed with your staff on September 24, 2018. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-2871 or Michael.Marshall@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



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Docket Nos. 50-317 and 50-318

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