



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

REGION IV
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August 13, 2019

Mr. Matt Feyrer, Site Manager
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**SUBJECT: GE HITACHI NUCLEAR ENERGY AMERICAS, LLC RESPONSE TO NRC
INSPECTION REPORT 050-00018/2019-001; 050-00070/2019-001;
050-00183/2019-001 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Feyrer:

On June 24, 2019, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) cited GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC, (GE Hitachi) for violations that involved your failures to: (1) adequately inspect the condition, security, and integrity of the retired facility during the annual inspection; (2) perform adequate surveys in the shutdown reactors containment buildings to demonstrate compliance with 10 CFR 20.1501(a); (3) ensure that instruments and equipment used for radiation measured in the containment buildings are calibrated for the radiation measured; and (4) implement and maintain a respiratory protection program for the activities associated with air sampling sufficient to identify the potential hazard, permit proper equipment selection, and estimate doses. NRC Inspection Report 050-00018/2019-001; 050-00070/2019-001; 050-00183/2019-001 (Agencywide Document and Access Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML19163A294) with enclosed Notice of Violation required you to respond in writing within 30 days. You responded by letter dated July 23, 2019 (ADAMS Accession No. ML19205A023).

After reviewing the information you provided in your responses to the Notice of Violation, we have concluded that your completed and proposed corrective actions appear to adequately address the regulatory noncompliance as described in the Notice of Violation. We will review the implementation and effectiveness of these corrective actions in detail during a future inspection to determine whether full compliance has been restored and whether compliance will be maintained.

M. Feyrer

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Gregory G. Warnick, Chief
Reactor Inspection Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Docket: 050-00018; 050-00070; and 050-00183

License: DPR-1; TR-1; and DR-10

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