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Subject: GEH Request to Extend Request for Additional Information (RAI) Response Due Date to July 28, 2021.

- References:**
- 1) NRC License DPR-1, Docket 50-18
 - 2) Letter GEH Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC) Request for Alternate Decommissioning Schedules for DPR-1, DR-10, and TR-1 Licenses, 7/10/2015
 - 3) Letter, J.D. Parrot (NRC) to M.F. Feyrer, GE Hitachi Request for Alternate Decommissioning Schedule for VBWR at VNC – Request for Additional Information, (EPID L-2017-LLA-0052), 7/15/2020
 - 4) Letter, M.F. Feyrer Requesting to Extend Request for Additional Information Due Date to April 28, 2021, 8/14/2020
 - 5) MSTEAMS meeting between GEH and NRC presenting supplemental information regarding the status of VBWR sampling and analysis, 3/18/2021
 - 6) Letter, M.F. Feyrer Supplemental Information for Request for Additional Information Response due April 28, 2021, 3/22/2021

GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy, LLC (GEH) is requesting to extend the response due date for the NRC's request for additional information (RAI) related to the alternate decommissioning schedule for the VBWR. The initial request for an alternate decommissioning schedule was made 7/10/2015 (Ref 2) and proposed a VBWR decommissioning date of April 2041 to facilitate a single holistic decommissioning of the entire VNC site.

In letter (Ref 3) dated 7/15/2020, the NRC requested GEH provide additional information related to the structural integrity of the VBWR to enable an independent assessment to determine if the requested exemption to 10 CFR 50.82(a)(3) would present an undue risk to public health and safety under § 50.12(a). Upon reviewing the nine RAIs in that letter, GEH requested (Ref 4) and was authorized until 4/28/2021 to respond to allow time for extensive concrete structure core sampling, analysis, and evaluation. GEH updated the NRC on the status of that effort and provided a detailed plan on 3/18/2021 (Ref 4 & 5). Sampling was completed on 4/8/2021. A response due date of 7/28/2021 is being requested in this communication to allow time to analyze and evaluate the sample results and to compose a final response to the RAIs.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (925) 918-6018.

Sincerely,

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