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SUBJECT: FINAL SAFETY EVALUATION FOR GE-HITACHI LICENSING TOPICAL
REPORT NEDO-33926/NEDC-33926P, REVISION 2, "BWRX-300 STEEL-
PLATE COMPOSITE CONTAINMENT VESSEL AND REACTOR BUILDING
STRUCTURAL DESIGN" (DOCKET NO. 99900003)

Dear Ms. Karkour:

By letter dated May 4, 2023, GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC (GEH), submitted Licensing Topical Report (LTR) NEDO-33926, "BWRX-300 Steel-Plate Composite Containment Vessel and Reactor Building Structural Design," Revision 0 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML23124A405), to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review and approval in support of a future licensing application for the GEH small modular reactor (SMR) under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," or Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants." The NRC accepted this LTR for review on August 9, 2023 (ML23219A022). Subsequently, during the staff review, GEH submitted Revision 1, by letter dated August 18, 2023 (ML23230B212), and then on April 18, 2024 (ML24110A131), GEH submitted Revision 2 of the LTR.

The NRC staff has found GEH LTR NEDC-33926, Revision 2, to be acceptable for referencing in licensing applications for the GEH SMR design to the extent specified in the enclosed final safety evaluation (SE) that defines the basis for acceptance.

In accordance with the guidance provided on the NRC's LTR Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/licensing/topical-reports.html>), the NRC requests that GEH publish an accepted version of this LTR within three months of receipt of this letter. The accepted version shall incorporate this letter and the enclosed SE after the title page. Also, it must contain in its appendices historical review information, such as requests for additional information, accepted responses, and clearly identify any changes from LTR NEDC-33926, Revision 2, which is the version approved in the SE. The accepted version shall include an "-A" (designated accepted) following the report identification symbol.

If the NRC's criteria or regulations change so that its conclusion in this letter (that the LTR is acceptable) is invalidated, GEH and/or an applicant referencing the LTR will be expected to revise and resubmit its respective documentation or submit justification for the continued applicability of the LTR without revision of the respective documentation.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, I can be reached via e-mail at Jordan.Glisan@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Signed by Glisan, Jordan
on 08/16/24

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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cc: GEH BWRX-300 GovDelivery ListServ

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