

August 18, 2011

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SUBJECT: FERM1 3 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION PRESSURE-TEMPERATURE
LIMITS REPORT REVIEW PROCESS

Dear Mr. Davis:

By letter dated September 18, 2008, Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison) submitted for approval a combined license application (COLA) pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is performing a detailed review of this application to enable the staff to reach a conclusion on the safety of the proposed application.

By letter dated January 10, 2011 (ML110110727), Detroit Edison submitted reports NEDO-33441 and NEDC-33441P, "GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Methodology for the Development of ESBWR Reactor Vessel Pressure Temperature Curves," Revision 4 that were characterized as topical reports (TRs).

TRs are expected to be used by multiple applicants/licensees in a number of requests for licensing actions. However, your letter indicated that these reports were being provided to respond to a staff's request for additional information in support of the Fermi 3 COLA. Therefore, the NRC staff plans to treat this report as a technical report submitted to support an application for a plant-specific licensing action. The NRC staff's evaluation of this technical report will be included in the safety evaluation performed in support of the Chapter 5, "Reactor Coolant System and Connected Systems," of the Fermi 3 COLA. Therefore, the evaluation will be only applicable to Fermi Unit 3.

Please inform the staff if the approach described above is not consistent with the intended use of these reports.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, I can be reached at 301-415-8148 or by e-mail at jerry.hale@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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