

August 21, 2012

MEMORANDUM TO: Edwin M. Hackett, Executive Director
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

FROM: David B. Matthews, Director /RA/
Division of New Reactor Licensing
Office of New Reactors

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES - ADVANCED PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR
DESIGN CERTIFICATION APPLICATION - SAFETY EVALUATION
WITH OPEN ITEMS FOR CHAPTER 4, "REACTOR"

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Based on our review of the application, the NRC staff is providing the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) its Safety Evaluation (SE), with Open Items for Chapter 4, "Reactor" (ML12184A285). Unless otherwise stated in the SE, the NRC staff's review was based on Revision 3 of the application. The SE is being provided to support a meeting of the subcommittee of the ACRS scheduled for September 20 - 21, 2012. The ACRS full committee meeting will be held after the subcommittee meeting.

In accordance with the memorandum to the ACRS dated March 17, 2010 (ML100700612), the staff has reviewed the submitted information against the categories for which the ACRS requested be used to highlight information for review by the committee. The staff's assessment of this chapter is that there are no items that meet the categories for discussion with the committee.

The staff concludes that the SE does not contain any information exempt from public disclosure. However, the NRC will withhold the SE from public disclosure for ten business days to allow MHI the opportunity to verify the staff's conclusion that the SE contains no such exempt information. Therefore, the staff requests that the ACRS withhold the SE from public disclosure until the information has been released publicly in ADAMS.

The staff will inform the ACRS immediately if MHI requests that any of the information in the SE be withheld from public disclosure.

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