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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSURANCE UPDATE OF DECOMMISSIONING FUNDS – SURETY BONDS FOR GENERAL ELECTRIC HITACHI NUCLEAR ENERGY AND GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL-AMERICAS (ENTERPRISE PROJECT IDENTIFICATION: L-2018-DFA-003)

Dear Mr. Murray:

By letter dated March 27, 2018 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession Number ML18087A172), General Electric Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) and Global Nuclear Fuels–Americas (GNF-A) provided original signed documents that establish surety bonds for decommissioning financial assurance to replace the GE Parent Company Guarantee. Specific licensees are the GNF-A Fuel Manufacturing facility; the Vallecitos Nuclear Center, including the Vallecitos Boiling Water Reactor; the Nuclear Test Reactor; the General Electric Test Reactor; the Empire States Atomic Development Associates Vallecitos Experimental Superheat Reactor (reactor facilities); and the Morris Operations facility. Additionally, on April 5, 2018 you submitted original signed documents to amend the current standby trust agreements to receive payment of decommissioning funds for GEH and GNF-A (ADAMS Accession Number ML18096A036).

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff reviewed the documents for conformance to NRC's regulations and NUREG-1757, Volume 3, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance: Financial Assurance, Recordkeeping, and Timeliness." The documents submitted were found acceptable in accordance with NUREG-1757, Volume 3, Appendix A.5., Surety Bonds. Under the surety bond, an entity with adequate financial strength (e.g., bank, insurer, or other financial institution) guarantees that the required amount of funds will be available whenever needed. The enclosed Safety Evaluation Reports document the staff's finding. Separate analysis of reactor and material licensees are enclosed.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's document system, ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). The Enterprise Project Identification: L-2018-DFA-003 is considered closed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I can be reached by phone at (301) 415-7352 or via e-mail at Tyrone.Naquin@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Safety Evaluation Report (Materials)
2. Safety Evaluation Report (Reactors)

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