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Subject: Final Safety Evaluation for GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Topical Report, NEDO-11209A "Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD)," Revision 15 (EPID L-2020-TOP-0023)
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Dear Ms. Catts,

By letter dated April 29, 2020 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20120A553), GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH), submitted to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) topical report (TR) NEDO-11209A "Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD)," Revision 15. By letter dated May 5, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20125A033), the NRC issued its request for additional information questions. By email dated May 18, 2020, the NRC issued its draft safety evaluation (SE) for the TR "Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD)," Revision 15.0 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20139A201). By email dated May 19, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20140A323) GEH stated in part that there is no proprietary information in the draft SE and the final SE can be issued.

The final SE (ADAMS Accession No. ML20140A322) addresses the applicability of the TR "Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD)," Revision 15.0.

The NRC staff has found that "Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD)," Revision 15.0, is acceptable for referencing in licensing applications to the extent specified and under the limitations delineated in the TR and the final SE. A copy of the final SE and this email are in ADAMS as publicly available.

According to the guidance provided on the NRC website, we request that GEH publish accepted non-proprietary version of the TR within three months timeframe after this final SE is issued by NRC.

The accepted versions shall incorporate this letter and the final SE after the title page. Also, they must contain historical review information, including NRC RAI questions and your responses. The accepted versions shall include an "-A" (designating accepted) following the TRs identification symbol.

As an alternative to including the RAI questions and RAI responses behind the title page, if changes to the TRs were provided to the NRC staff to support the resolution of RAI responses, and the NRC staff reviewed and approved those changes as described in the RAI responses, there are two ways that the accepted version can capture the RAI questions:

1. The RAIs and RAI responses can be included as an Appendix to the accepted version.
2. The RAIs and RAI responses can be captured in the form of a table (inserted after the final SE) which summarizes the changes as shown in the approved version of the TR. The table should reference the specific RAIs and RAI responses which resulted in any changes, as shown in the accepted version of the TR.

If future changes to the NRC's regulatory requirements affect the acceptability of this TR, GEH will be expected to revise the TR appropriately. Licensees referencing this TR would be expected to justify its continued applicability or evaluate their plants using the revised TR.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 301-415-6695 or by email.

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