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Subject: Submittal of EPRI report “Remote Source Verification During a Pandemic or Similar State of Emergency: Screening Criteria and Process Guidance,” EPRI 3002019436.

Dear Ms. Kavanagh:

In consideration of the challenges posed by the pandemic, EPRI is submitting the attached EPRI Technical Report “*Remote Source Verification During a Pandemic or Similar State of Emergency: Screening Criteria and Process Guidance*,” EPRI 3002019436, for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission review and endorsement.

The objective of this report is to provide guidance for the application of video and other real time communication technologies for the successful performance of remote source verification. Since the capabilities of remote source verification are limited, the techniques included in this report are intended for use only in extreme circumstances such as a global pandemic, when performing on-site source verification may not be possible due to conditions that threaten the health and safety of individuals performing the verification or the work being verified.

Although remote source verification cannot replace the ability to observe and verify activities in person at the source, available technologies can be effectively applied to sufficiently and successfully verify certain activities in extreme circumstances. “*Remote Source Verification During a Pandemic or Similar State of Emergency: Screening Criteria and Process Guidance*” provides a methodology that could be applied by licensees and suppliers to perform effective remote source verification to protect the health and safety of those involved.

EPRI is requesting an expedited review in light of the pandemic, and the need to protect the health and safety of nuclear industry workers and the general public. EPRI appreciates the NRC’s consideration of the report and welcomes the opportunity to meet and discuss it in more detail to assist with NRC’s review and endorsement of EPRI 3002019436.

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Please contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc H. Tannenbaum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marc" being more prominent.

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