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Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center – Acceptance of License Amendment Request to Revise the Physical Security Plan Requirements (EPID No. L-2020-LLA-0236)
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Dear Mr. Davis:

By letter dated October 29, 2020 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20311A127), as supplemented by letter dated January 7, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21014A380), NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC (NEDA, the licensee) submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC). The proposed amendment would revise the DAEC Physical Security Plan to align the defensive strategy with the post-shutdown and permanently defueled condition. Portions of the letters dated October 29, 2020, and January 7, 2021, contain safeguards information and have been withheld from public disclosure.

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this license amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to begin its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application, as supplemented, and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to begin its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed license amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment.

However, in support of this activity, and as discussed with your staff during routine communications with the project manager, the NRC staff would like to coordinate a site visit to DAEC to discuss the proposed changes to the Physical Security Plan and understand how they will be implemented at the site. A call has been scheduled for February 25th to discuss the site visit.

Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional detailed information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 200 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review by September 2021. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates, will be communicated during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager. These estimates are based on

the NRC staff's initial review of the application and they could change, due to several factors including requests for additional information, and unanticipated addition of scope to the review.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3178 or e-mail at marlayna.doell@nrc.gov.

Cheers,
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