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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF GE-HITACHI NUCLEAR ENERGY AMERICAS QUALITY
ASSURANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (NEDO-11209-A, REVISION 17)

Dear Michelle Catts:

By letter dated December 14, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21348A339), GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) submitted for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's review, proposed Revision 17 to NEDO-11209-A, Revision 16, "GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Quality Assurance Program Description (QAPD)" in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50.4(b)(7)(ii). Subsequently, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Division of Reactor Oversight, Quality Assurance and Vendor Inspection Branch staff reviewed GEH's submittal and determined that the quality assurance program described in the QAPD meets the criteria of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50, and was, therefore, acceptable as documented in a letter from the NRC dated October 26, 2022 (ML22279A031).

Enclosed is the Quality Assurance (QA) Program Approval for Radioactive Material Packages No. 0254, Revision No. 13. This approval satisfies the requirements of 10 CFR 71.17(b) and 71.101(c) for a QA Program approved by the NRC, as well as approval of those changes to your quality assurance program that are considered reductions in commitments to the NRC prior to implementation as required by 10 CFR 71.106.

Termination of your materials license does not cause this approval to be automatically terminated. If you wish to renew, amend, or terminate this approval, please request it in writing.

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If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Thomlinson at aaron.thomlinson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl Love". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Earl" and last name "Love" clearly distinguishable.

Earl Love, Acting Chief
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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Docket No.: 71-0254

Enclosure:

QA Program Approval No. 71-0254,
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