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SUBJECT: BRAIDWOOD STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2; BYRON STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2; CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2; CLINTON POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1; DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3; JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT; LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2; LIMERICK GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2; NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2; PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3; QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2; AND R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - REVIEW OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM CHANGES (EPID L-2019-LLQ-0003)

Dear Mr. Hanson:

By letter dated December 5, 2019 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML19339E544), Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) requested U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approval of changes to its Quality Assurance Topical Report (QATR) in accordance with paragraph 50.54(a)(4) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). The proposed changes are applicable to the subject plants and their associated independent spent fuel storage installations.

Specifically, Exelon requested NRC approval to increase the internal audit interval for certain topics (listed on page 2 of Attachment 1 of the letter) from 24 months to 36 months. Exelon has determined that the changes in these audit intervals, and an associated deviation from NRC Regulatory Guide 1.189, "Fire Protection for Nuclear Power Plants," are a reduction in commitments requiring prior NRC approval to implement pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(a). The NRC staff has determined that a review of these changes will take longer than 60 days. Therefore, Exelon shall refrain from implementing these changes until the staff's review is completed. The staff expects to complete this review by December 7, 2020, as requested in Exelon's letter.

In its letter, Exelon also identified additional changes to the QATR that it determined do not require prior NRC approval. The NRC staff is not reviewing these additional changes as part of this request. Exelon may implement these additional changes in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(a).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1380.

Sincerely,



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