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Attn: Document Control Desk
Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: GEH Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC) License Amendment Request

References: 1) NRC License SNM-1270, Docket 70-1220
2) Letter from J. McKirgan (NRC) to M. J. Feyrer (GEH) "Materials License No. SNM-1270, Amendment No. 11, 7/26/18
3) GEH/NRC Telecom, 6/30/20

Dear Sir or Madam:

The GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy L.L.C. (GEH) Vallecitos Nuclear Center in Sunol, CA hereby requests a minor clarification to the current SNM-1270 license (Reference 1). The proposed change clarifies the authorized place of use described in license condition 10 as discussed in a telecom with NRC staff on June 30, 2020 (Reference 3). GEH requests an expedited NRC review and approval of the request by August 31, 2020 to allow a transport using the SNM-1270 license scheduled in September 2020.

Attachment 1 provides a proposed clarification to the SNM-1270 license condition 10.

The SNM-1270 license applies to special nuclear material used only in research and development activities, as defined in 10 CFR 70.4. Therefore, the categorical exclusion of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(v) applies and neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Please contact me on (910) 819-5950 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Scott P. Murray, Manager
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Attachment: 1) SNM-1270 license, Page 1, revised License Condition 10.

Cc: J. McKirgan, NRC DFM
B. White, NRC DFM
SPM 20-026

MATERIALS LICENSE

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-438), and Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Parts 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, and 70, and in reliance on statements and representations heretofore made by the licensee, a license is hereby issued authorizing the licensee to receive, acquire, possess, and transfer byproduct, source, and special nuclear material designated below; to use such material for the purpose(s) and at the place(s) designated below; to deliver or transfer such material to persons authorized to receive it in accordance with the regulations of the applicable Part(s). This license shall be deemed to contain the conditions specified in Section 183 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission now or hereafter in effect and to any conditions specified below.

Licensee		3. License Number	SNM-1270, Amendment No. 11 (Revised in its entirety)
1. GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC Vallecitos Nuclear Center Sunol, CA 94586		4. Expiration Date	July 31, 2023.
2.		5. Docket or Reference No	70-1220
6. Byproduct, Source and / or Special Nuclear Material		7. Chemical and / or Physical Form	8. Maximum Amount that Licensee May Possess at Any One Time
Special nuclear material, which may be irradiated, must be contained in fuel pellets, rods and rod segments or fuel bundles, used in GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC, research and development activities (as defined in 10 CFR 70.4). Source material, byproduct material, contained in irradiated hardware, reactor components, surveillance capsules, contaminated support equipment, or other irradiated equipment. All other materials subject to requirements of 10 CFR Part 73 are excluded.		Any	Quantities as required for delivery to a carrier for transport and in private carriage.
9. Authorized Use: Receipt and possession of materials specified in Items 6 through 8, above, in packages approved pursuant to 10 CFR Part 71 for the purpose of delivery to a carrier for transport and in private carriage in accordance with other conditions of this license.			
10. Authorized place of use: NRC licensed facilities and in private carriage between NRC licensed facilities and authorized recipients within the United States			