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SUBJECT: Request for Extension of the response time for RAIs for the Model No. 2000 Package, Certificate Of Compliance No. 9228, Docket No. 71-9228.

REFERENCES: 1) Letter, NRC to GEH, Request for information for continued use of the Model No. 2000 package, Certificate of Compliance No. 9228, dated 23 July 2012
2) Letter, Response Extension to NRC Request for Information for the Model No. 2000 Package, Certificate of Compliance No. 9228, Docket No. 71-9228, dated 21 August 2012.

Dear Mr. Saverot:

GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC ("GEH"), with operations at the Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC), Sunol, California is in the process of responding to NRC's request for additional information (RAI) dated 23 July 2012 (Reference 1). We appreciate the NRC Staff's ongoing review of this request. As we discussed earlier today via telephone, the required supporting analyses and evaluation is well underway but independent verification of said results are not expected to be completed prior to the September 26th due date. As a result, it will take an additional period of time for GEH to complete and transmit the requested information. GEH respectfully request that the RAI due date be extended from September 26th to October 10, 2012.

As previously conveyed, a management directive remains in-effect to suspend use of the Model 2000 package, with the optional lead liner configuration, and this administrative hold will remain in place until the NRC questions regarding the liner shipping configuration have been resolved.

If there are any questions on this request, or additional information is required, please contact me at (925) 862-4360 or our Technical Contact: Mr. Carlos Martinez at (925) 862-4481.

Sincerely,

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