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EA-15-035

Mr. Kevin Mulligan
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SUBJECT: GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION – NRC INSPECTION
REPORT 05000416/2015406; NRC INVESTIGATION
REPORT NO. 4-2014-021

Dear Mr. Mulligan:

This letter refers to the investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Investigations, Region IV, at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station; Inspection Report 05000416/2015406 enclosed. The purpose of the investigation was to determine if there was a willful security-related violation at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station. Following notification by Grand Gulf Nuclear Station staff of a potential willful security-related violation the NRC initiated an investigation on February 26, 2014. The investigation was completed on February 25, 2015. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, the NRC determined that a willful security-related violation occurred. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on July 16, 2015, with Paul Salgado, Acting Director of Regulatory Assurance and Performance Improvement, and other members of your staff.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. The NRC is treating this violation as a non-cited violation consistent with Section 2.3.2.a of the Enforcement Policy. The NRC determined that a non-cited violation is appropriate in this case because: (a) the violation was licensee-identified; (b) the violation involved the acts of an individual who was not considered to be a licensee official within the context of the NRC enforcement policy; (c) the violation appeared to be an isolated action of the employee without management involvement and was not caused by a lack of management oversight; and (d) you took appropriate disciplinary and corrective actions.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

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Division of Reactor Safety

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