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SUBJECT: NEI'S COMMENTS ON NRC STAFF PROPOSED DEBRIS TESTING PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Modeen:

Thank you for your suggestions regarding the proposed debris generation test program that was briefly discussed at a March 22, 2000, public meeting concerning the resolution of the Generic Safety Issue 191. Receipt of your suggestions is timely because the RES and LANL staffs are currently developing a plan to conduct debris generation tests. Your suggestions have been forwarded to the cognizant staff for their consideration.

As you requested, after planning for the proposed debris generation test program has been completed, Mr. Marshall of my staff will contact Mr. Cozens of your staff as well as public interest groups to arrange a public meeting to discuss the proposed debris generation test program in greater detail. At this meeting we would also discuss your suggestions.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Marshall at 301-415-5895.

Sincerely,

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