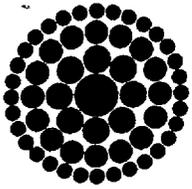


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PETITION RULE PRM 50-71
(65FR34599)

Subject: Comments on Petition for Rulemaking by Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to Amend NRC Regulations to Allow Use of Zirconium-based Cladding Materials Other Than Zircaloy or ZIRLO, Docket No. PRM-50-71 (65 FR 34599-34602)

Dear Sir:

Florida Power Corporation (FPC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Petition for Rulemaking by Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), Docket No. PRM-50-71. FPC endorses, in its entirety, the industry comments provided to the NRC by NEI letter dated August 11, 2000.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Sid Powell, Manager, Nuclear Licensing at (352) 563-4883.

Sincerely,

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