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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Regulatory Response Group Plan-Revision

PROJECT NUMBER: 689

Dear Mr. Birmingham:

We have been working with the Nuclear Steam Supply System Owners Groups (NSSS OG) to update the process for interactions with the NRC in response to an event or finding that may have potential safety significance. We recognize the importance of such interactions for assessing potential safety significance so that a focused course of action can be undertaken. It is in that spirit that we are forwarding you a revised Regulatory Response Plan (RRP).

Comments received from the NRC in the past focused on three main points: (1) identify the conditions that require activation, (2) state the actions performed by the Regulatory Response Group (RRG), and (3) identify responsible parties for completion of proposed actions by the RRG. We believe the enclosure adequately addresses each of these areas with specific activation criteria, plan attributes and responsibilities.

Please note that each NSSS Owners Group will have a Regulatory Response Plan and a contact point for the NRC and the industry, but not necessarily a designated regulatory response group. The Owners Groups concur with the framework of the Regulatory Response Plan and will develop a complementary response plan based on its concepts.

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Please contact me at (202) 739-8080 or e-mail me at am@nei.org, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex Marion".

Alex Marion

w/Enclosure

c: Ms. Cynthia A. Carpenter, NRC NRR/DRIP/RGEB

bc: NSSS Owner's Group Chairmen & Vendor Representatives