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SUBJECT: Part 72 – Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Waste
(66 *Fed. Reg.* 11527, February 26, 2001)

Dear Mr. Jackson:

On January 26, 2001 NEI forwarded to the Rules and Directive Branch, NEI 96-07 Appendix B: *Guidelines for 10 CFR 72.48 Implementation*, as providing a method that is acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the provisions of 10 CFR 72.48 with clarifications.

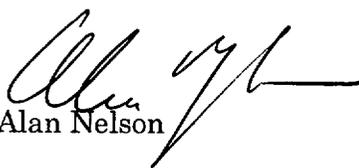
On February 26, 2001 modifications to the rules and regulations were published in 66 *Fed. Reg.* 11527, *Part 72 – Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage Of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Waste*.

Enclosed is NEI 96-07 Appendix B: *Guidelines for 10 CFR 72.48 Implementation*, March 5, 2001. Appendix 4 has been revised to include the minor revisions necessitated by the rule amendments.

NEI and the industry are committed to providing complete guidance for NRC endorsement. We anticipate the need for continuing dialogue with the NRC to ensure readiness for the April 5, 2001, rule implementation date.

If you have any questions please call me at (202) 739-8110 or e-mail at apn@nei.org.

Sincerely,


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