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Washington, DC, 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Implementing Guidance for Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Rulemaking

PROJECT: 689

Dear Mr. Hannon:

We are enclosing for your comment Revision C of the implementing guidance for the current risk-informed, performance-based fire protection rulemaking. This draft provides detail in some significant areas of implementation, and considers the current proposed rule language in SECY 02-0132 *Proposed Rule: Revision of 10 CFR 50.48 to Permit Light-Water Reactors to Voluntarily Adopt National Fire Protection Association, NFPA Standard 805, Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light-Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants, 2001 Edition (NFPA 805) As an Alternative Set of Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Requirements (WITS 199900032)*. We look forward to receiving your comments on this guidance by September 30.

A number of sections in the document have not been fully developed because of the predecisional nature of SECY 02-0132. Further detail will be added after the Commissioners respond to the SECY paper and after receipt of your comments.

Please contact Fred Emerson at 202-739-8086 or fae@nei.org with any questions about this information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Marion".

Alexander Marion

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Enclosure

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