September 18, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: Williams D. Travers Executive Director for Operations /RA/ FROM: John T. Larkins, Executive Director Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

SUBJECT: PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON 10 CFR 50.69, DRAFT REGULATORY GUIDE DG-1121, and NEI 00-04

During the 495th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, September 12-14, 2002, the Committee reviewed (1) proposed rulemaking on 10 CFR 50.69, "Risk-Informed Categorization and Treatment of Structures, Systems, and Components for Nuclear Power Reactors;" (2) Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1121, "Guidelines for Categorizing Structures, Systems, and Components in Nuclear Power Plants According to Their Safety Significance;" and (3) the Nuclear Energy Institute document NEI 00-04 (Draft Revision C), "10 CFR 50.69 SSC [Structures, Systems, and Components] Categorization Guideline."

The ACRS agrees with the staff's proposal to issue the proposed 10 CFR 50.69 and DG-1121, which endorses NEI 00-04, for public comment. The Committee plans to continue to meet with the staff to discuss these documents as further progress is made.

References:

- 1. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Draft Federal Register Notice, 10 CFR Part 50, "Risk-Informed Categorization and Treatment of Structures, Systems, and Components for Nuclear Power Reactors," dated August 12, 2002 (Predecisional).
- 2. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1121, "Guidelines for Categorizing Structures, Systems, and Components in Nuclear Power Plants According to Their Safety Significance," August 2002 (Predecisional).
- 3. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Draft Regulatory Analysis for Proposed 10 CFR 50.69, "Risk-Informed Categorization and Treatment of Structures, Systems, and Components for Nuclear Power Reactors," dated July 15, 2002 (Predecisional).
- 4. NEI 00-04 (Draft-Revision C), "10 CFR 50.69 SSC Categorization Guideline," June 2002.
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