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Mr. Larry W. Camper
Decommissioning Branch Chief
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Dear Mr. Camper:

The NRC has found eight of the initial ten Q&A's developed to clarify aspects of license termination guidance acceptable. The remaining two, Q&A's 3 and 4, both address the modeling of embedded pipe that remains in structures post license termination. NEI withdraws Q&A's 3 and 4 from further consideration.

Both industry and NRC staff have invested significant effort to develop a generic approach to modeling embedded pipe. While we have each gained an appreciation for the complexity of the issue and have identified viable approaches to specific cases, no single approach has addressed all outstanding issues on a generic basis. NRC should continue to address embedded pipe within the context of an individual license termination/decommissioning plan review.

The eight completed Q&A's should be published in the Appendix to the draft Volume 2 of NUREG-1757 when it is released.

The industry appreciates the opportunity to work with the staff through this Q&A process to further clarify aspects of the extensive guidance on license termination. Should you or your staff need additional information or clarification, please contact me at 202-739-8034 or phg@nei.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul H. Genoa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above it.

Paul H. Genoa

c: License Termination Task Force