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Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

The purpose of this letter is to request a 30-day extension on the comment period for the proposed rule 10 CFR 50.69, *Risk-Informed Categorization and Treatment of Structures, Systems and Components for Nuclear Power Reactors*. The extension would allow us to thoroughly review and refine comments developed by NEI's Option 2 Task Force with other constituents in the industry.

This proposed rule is of great importance to the nuclear industry. We want to ensure that the comments submitted by NEI are of high quality and value to the NRC staff, and that they truly reflect a consensus industry perspective. Previous commitments and increased workloads have limited the time we have been able to devote to the proposed rule.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 202-739-8081 or [arp@nei.org](mailto:arp@nei.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony R. Pietrangelo".

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