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Mr. John Hannon
Chief, Plant Systems Branch
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Mail Stop O11-A11
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

PROJECT NUMBER: 689

Dear Mr. Hannon:

We are enclosing Revision E of NEI 04-02, *Guidance for Implementing a Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Program under 10 CFR 50.48(c)*. While this document substantially incorporates NRC comments on the previous revision, there are a few points requiring further discussion. The rulemaking and guidance development activities are nearly complete. Therefore, we propose an early meeting (late April) to clarify these points. With the results of this meeting and the Commission's decision on the proposed final rule, we will provide an additional revision in May for a more detailed staff review.

Please address any comments or questions to me or to Fred Emerson. We look forward to your early response with regard to our proposed meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Marion". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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Enclosure

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