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Mr. David B. Matthews  
Director, Regulatory Improvement Programs  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Enclosed for NRC staff review is a revised final draft NEI 00-04, *10 CFR 50.69 SSC Categorization Guideline*. The document has been revised to address the issues identified in NRC's May 24, 2004 letter to NEI. The document has also been edited to provide consistency in terminology and format. A line-in, line-out version, reflecting changes from the previous draft is also enclosed.

While we believe we have accomplished the intent of the revisions suggested in NRC's letter, in several cases we have chosen different wording than that proposed by NRC. In particular, substantial changes have been made to the discussion of monitoring following implementation, and this information has been moved to Section 12, Periodic Review. The May 24 letter also provides some interpretations of the guidance document that we wish to discuss further. We have scheduled a meeting with NRC staff for July 29 to discuss these items.

Please contact Biff Bradley (202)-739-8083, e-mail [reb@nei.org](mailto:reb@nei.org), or me, if you have any questions.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony R. Pietrangelo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

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Enclosures

c: Ms. Suzanne C. Black  
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