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

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Dear Mr. Hannon:

We have attached NEI 04-02, Revision 0, *Guidance for Implementing a Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Program Under 10 CFR 50.48(c)*, for your review and approval. During the past several months we have been working with your staff to resolve remaining issues with this document, and we believe that the attachment addresses all of these issues. We look forward to receiving NRC endorsement of NEI 04-02, without exceptions, for utility use by utilities in making the transition to a risk-informed, performance-based regulatory framework provided by 10 CFR 50.48 (c).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-739-8080, am@nei.org.

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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Attachment

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