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July 15, 2005

Mr. Ledyard B. Marsh
Director, Division of Licensing Project Management
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop 08 E1A
Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: Regulatory Response Group Plan

PROJECT NUMBER: 689

Dear Mr. Marsh:

During the past several years NEI has held periodic coordination meetings with the Nuclear Steam Supply System Owners Groups (NSSS OG). We continue to hold three to four meetings a year to discuss issues of common interest and overall coordination of activities involving generic issues. The participants in the meeting include the Owners Group Chairman and representatives from the OG project offices. These meetings have been very productive in establishing effective communication, exchange of ideas, and discussion of issues and activities.

An action item identified from a recent meeting involves the Regulatory Response Group Plan used by the NRC to discuss issues with the affected Owners Group(s). These issues involved operational events, findings from a design analysis, or research and development effort that may have potential safety significance. These typically involved events or analyses that have potential near-term safety significance relating to radiological barriers, emergency core cooling, and safe shutdown.

Two of the three Owners Groups maintain a Regulatory Response Group (RRG) to interact with the NRC when such issues arise. It has been several years since the RRG was activated in response to an NRC identified issue. The Owners Groups have decided to terminate these groups because of the improved coordination and alignment with NEI. Therefore, we request that in the future NRC contact NEI directly to discuss potential near-term safety significant issues affecting the NSSS Owners Groups. The contacts are as follows:

Mr. Ledyard B. Marsh

July 15, 2005

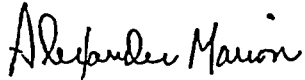
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NEI will coordinate the Owners Group response to NRC identified issues as described previously. We would appreciate a response letter accepting this request. Please contact me or Jim Riley if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexander Marion".

Alexander Marion

c: Dr. Brian W. Sheron, NRC
NSSS OG Contacts