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SUBJECT: *RIN 3150-AH29, Risk-Informed Changes to Loss-of-Coolant Accident Technical Requirements, Request for Extension of Public Comment Period*

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

The purpose of this letter is to request a 30-day extension on the comment period for the subject proposed rule.

This proposed rule is of great importance to the nuclear industry. NEI is coordinating industry comments with the NSSS owners group, vendors, and licensees. The occurrence of two major holidays during the comment period limits the time available to devote to the proposed rule. The extension would provide the time necessary to complete calculations relative to the potential safety benefits associated with the transition break size in the proposed rule. Finally, we want to ensure that the comments submitted by NEI are of high quality and value to the NRC staff, and that they reflect a consensus industry perspective.

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.

Sincerely,

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c: Mr. Gary Holahan, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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