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Mr. Jesse L. Funches
Chief Financial Officer
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Request for Information on FY 2007 Budget

Dear Mr. Funches:

NEI is the organization responsible for establishing unified nuclear industry policy on matters affecting the nuclear energy industry, including the regulatory aspects of generic operational and technical issues. NEI's members include all utilities licensed to operate commercial nuclear power plants in the United States, nuclear plants designers, major architect/engineering firms, fuel fabrication facilities, materials licensees, and other organizations and individuals involved in the nuclear energy industry.

We have reviewed the Performance Budget: Fiscal Year 2007 (NUREG-1100, Vol. 22). We see that the NRC's proposed FY 2007 budget is \$777 million, which represents an increase of \$35 million over the FY 2006 budget.

The FY 2007 budget is offset by \$628 million from fees assessed to NRC licensees. Therefore, our members provide the majority of the funds used by the NRC. We have reviewed the information provided in the Performance Budget: Fiscal Year 2007 (NUREG-1100 series). The information provided is presented at a relatively broad level. We have found that it does not provide us sufficient information to be adequately informed about the NRC use of the budgeted funds.

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We request more detailed information concerning the NRC budget for Fiscal Year 2007. We request that you provide us a similar level of detail as in the FY 2006 Fee Recovery Proposed Rule: 10 CFR 170 and 171 Workpapers, dated February 2, 2006.

If you have any questions please contact Jack Roe at 202-739-8138 or jwr@nei.org or me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen D. Floyd".

Stephen D. Floyd