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Comments on Proposed Regulatory Issue Summary Endorsing the Nuclear Energy Institute White Paper, "Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Programs for Hostile Action"

Reference: Federal Register dated Monday, March 13, 2006, Page Number 12716

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed Regulatory Issue Summary endorsing the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) White Paper, "Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Programs for Hostile Actions."

NEI strongly supports endorsement of the subject White Paper via Regulatory Issue Summary. NEI believes that endorsement of the White Paper provides the industry and the regulator with a consistent approach for implementing enhancements to existing Emergency Preparedness Programs based on post 9/11 experience suggested by NRC Bulletin 2005-02 "Emergency Preparedness and Response Actions for Security-Based Events," July 18, 2005.

NEI appreciates the effort the staff has made in reviewing drafts of the White Paper and assisting in providing the industry an effective document.

Please direct any questions pertaining to this endorsement to me at (202) 739-8110 or via email at apn@nei.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Nelson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Alan Nelson