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**SUBJECT:** New Plant Working Group Invitation, October 3, 2006

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Dear Mr. Dyer:

At the NEI New Plant Oversight Committee-NRC meeting on June 20, 2006, it was suggested that industry and NRC senior management should meet on a periodic basis to exchange information on new plant regulatory and licensing issues. The objective was to emulate the model of the industry-NRC senior management public meetings that supported the development of an effective regulatory process for renewing power reactor licenses.

NEI has formed a New Plant Working Group to focus specifically on new plant regulatory and licensing issues. It is chaired by Mr. Scotty Hinnant, Senior Vice President, Progress Energy. Several other chief nuclear officers are members of the working group. Other members include new nuclear plant project level executives and senior managers from companies that have new plant (design certification, early site permit or combined license) applications under development or review or have announced their intent to submit such applications. An organization chart of the main NEI task forces and working groups involved in new plant activities is provided for your information.

The New Plant Working Group is meeting on October 3, 2006. We invite you and other members of the NRC senior management team for new plants, including Mr. R. William Borchardt, the Director of the Office of New Reactors, to meet with the working group from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm at NEI's offices.

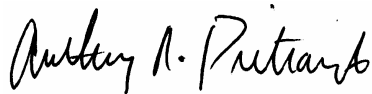
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The proposed topics for discussion at the October 3, 2006 meeting are:

- DG-1145, *Regulatory Guidance for Combined License Applicants*, preliminary comments
- New plant licensing and regulatory process
  - Design and environmental finality at the time of a combined license
  - Role and impact of NRC detailed design inspections on issuance of a combined license
- Rulemakings beyond Part 52 -- need for finalization
- Guidance documents (SRP Update and Reg. Guide Revisions)
- Technical Issues
  - I&C schedules
  - Seismic

If you have any questions, please contact Adrian Heymer at (202) 739-8094; [aph@nei.org](mailto:aph@nei.org) or me.

Sincerely,



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