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SUBJECT: *RIN 3150-AG63, Power Reactor Security Requirements*, Request for
Extension of Public Comment Period

PROJECT NUMBER: 689

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend the current security regulations to include, among other things, requirements contained in a number of Commission Orders issued since September 11, 2001. The subject *Federal Register* notice requests comments by January 9, 2007 on the proposed rulemaking and November 27, 2006 on the information collection aspects of the rulemaking. The Nuclear Energy Institute¹ is requesting a 60-day extension to both comment periods.

There are several reasons for our extension request:

- There are two major holidays during the comment period.
- This is a major and complex rulemaking as evidenced by the sheer volume of the rulemaking package (SECY 06-216 exceeds 1000 pages).
- Since June of this year we have been engaged in the development of NEI 06-12, "B.5.b Phase 2 & 3 Submittal Guideline" which licensees will use to respond to the NRC site-specific Phase 3 letters. Licensee responses are due in early January 2007.
- Comments on the proposed §73.21 rulemaking are due January 2, 2007.

¹ 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.

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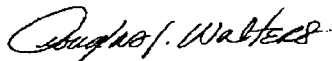
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We want to ensure the comments submitted by NEI are of high quality and value to the NRC staff, and that they reflect a consensus industry perspective. In light of the sheer volume of the proposed rulemaking and the other on-going activities, we appreciate your consideration of our request for a 60 day extension of both comment periods.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (202) 739-8093; djw@nei.org.

Sincerely,

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