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Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: NEI White Paper, "Treatment of Operational Leakage from ASME
Class 2 and 3 Components," Revision 1

PROJECT NUMBER: 689

Dear Ms. Haney:

This letter is addressed to you in your capacity as Chairman of the NRC Licensing Action Task Force (LATF).

On May 4, 2006, NEI submitted Revision 0 of the subject White Paper for NRC staff review and comment. The staff provided comments during a public meeting on August 16. NEI has revised the paper to incorporate staff comments.

Revision 1 of the White Paper is enclosed for review and comment by the NRC staff. A public meeting has been scheduled tentatively for November 16 to continue the NRC/NEI dialogue on this issue.

Our May 4 letter noted that the NRC guidance on the treatment of Class 2 and 3 operational leakage (published in RIS 2005-20) has become an inspection issue for several licensees and requested that NRC publish interim guidance to assist licensees and inspectors in making the initial disposition of a through-wall flaw. We continue to urge NRC to publish interim guidance pending final resolution of this issue.

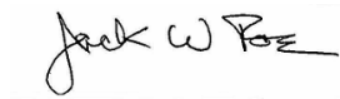
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If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at 202-739-8138; jwr@nei.org or Mike Schoppman at 202-739-8011; mas@nei.org.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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