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Ms. Catherine Haney
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Division of Operating Reactors
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Pandemic Licensing Plan

PROJECT NUMBER: 689

Dear Ms. Haney:

The NEI Licensing Action Task Force (LATF) has prepared a draft white paper (“Pandemic Licensing Plan”) to describe regulatory options for permitting nuclear plant operation during an influenza pandemic. The paper balances projected staffing reductions with the importance of continued operation to help maintain grid stability and provide reserve power to offset losses of other sources of generation.

The enclosed copy of the white paper is submitted for review and comment by the NRC staff. NEI recommends a public meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss the staff’s comments.

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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