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Subject: Submittal of NEI 07-10, *Generic FSAR Template Guidance for Process Control Program (PCP)*, Revision 0

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This letter provides NEI 07-10, *Generic FSAR Template Guidance for Process Control Program (PCP)*, Revision 0, for NRC review and endorsement in accordance with 10 CFR 50.4. The industry has developed this guidance generically for use by all combined license (COL) applicants. Development of this generic program description for the process control program (PCP) will assure a consistent approach to the preparation of COL applications in this area that is in accordance with the NRC requirements and guidance. Such an approach will reduce industry and NRC resource burden associated with the development, review, and approval of COL applications. Only a single staff review is required and this may be accomplished in advance of actual COL applications.

As we have discussed in public meetings, we have undertaken development of this and other generic operational program descriptions to provide further guidance to COL applicants on implementing NRC guidance in RG 1.206. In these public meetings, the staff recognized the value and standardization benefits of such guidance and strongly encouraged this approach, which is consistent with the NRC's design centered review concept.

The technical report meets the requirements described in the NRC (NRR) Office Instruction, LIC-500, which contains criteria for submitting reports for NRC review and approval. Specifically, the report:

1. Deals with the specific safety-related subject regarding a required operational program that requires a safety assessment by the NRC staff.
2. Will be incorporated or referenced in subsequent-COL applications.
3. Contains complete and detailed information on the applicant's proposed means for assuring that radioactive waste products will meet applicable federal, state and disposal site waste form requirements for handling, transport, and disposal at a 10 CFR 61 licensed low-level waste (LLW) disposal facility.

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4. Will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of NRC review and approval of COL applications that reference the template.

The industry and the NRC place a high priority on standardization of COL applications and reviews that will enable COL applications to be developed and reviewed in a more efficient and productive manner. NEI 07-10 reflects discussion in public meetings to date, and we are prepared to discuss the guidance further or respond to NRC questions to help facilitate the staff's review.

To support near term COL applications, we request an expedited review schedule that supports the earliest possible SER issuance. Our objective is an SER that states that NEI 07-10 provides an acceptable method for (1) complying with the applicable requirements in 10 CFR Parts 20, 61, and 71, and 49 CFR Parts 171-180; and (2) satisfying the applicable acceptance criteria of SRP 11.4.

Consistent with an NRC letter dated September 7, 2007, COL applications submitted before an SER is issued will refer to NEI 07-10, Revision 0, and will indicate that the document is under NRC review.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ralph Andersen at 202-739-8111; rla@nei.org.

Sincerely,

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