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**Subject:** Nuclear Energy Institute, Licensed Operator Training Cold Licensing Plan and Knowledge and Plan White Paper

**Project Number: 689**

Dear Mr. Junge:

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)<sup>1</sup>, on behalf of the nuclear energy industry, is pleased to submit the proposed Licensed Operator Training Cold Licensing Plan White Paper for your review and comment.

On September 13, 2007, the industry discussed with your staff the new reactor training concepts captured in the enclosed plan. The industry agreed to revise the plan to address the NRC staff's comments regarding meaningful training and crew experience. We believe the enclosed plan provides an appropriate approach to the licensing of operators for new plants.

We will be meeting with your staff to discuss the cold license training plan on January 8, 2008. We would like to come to a common understanding of the requirements with you at that meeting. The industry has begun submitting combined operating license applications, and we want to ensure consistency in the approach to the licensing of operators for new plants to facilitate the review of the applications.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 plant designers, major architect/engineering firms, fuel fabrication facilities, materials licensees, and other organizations and individuals involved in the nuclear energy industry.

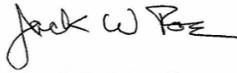
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If you have any questions regarding the above plan, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-739-8138; [jwr@nei.org](mailto:jwr@nei.org) or Russell Smith at 202-739-8058; [ras@nei.org](mailto:ras@nei.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack W. Roe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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Enclosure

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