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MEMORANDUM TO: Gary Purdy, Acting Chief
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SUBJECT: MEETING SUMMARY OF A PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE
NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE ON A PROPOSED GENERIC
COMMUNICATION ON FEDERAL FIREARMS DISABILITIES

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NEI requested time to provide written comments on the draft RIS to NSIR staff. NSIR management agreed to this request and set a submission date of March 28, 2008, for any comments.

Enclosures:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Draft RIS-2008-yy

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