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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: March 13, 2008, Request for Prioritization of Topical Report Reviews and List of Planned Topical Report Submittals

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. Nieh:

We support the efforts by the NRC to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the topical report (TR) program and increase the importance of this program in the NRC planning and budgeting processes for FY 2008 and FY2009.

Late last year we held discussions with EPRI and the Nuclear Steam Supply System (NSSS) Owners Groups to develop an integrated approach for engaging NRC management on the TR program. Separate efforts in the past to increase the timeliness and effectiveness of the program have not met the expectations of either the industry or the NRC.

A public meeting is being scheduled for April 11 to discuss the current TR process and an industry proposal for developing a structured process for improving the TR program. We look forward to this timely and important meeting.

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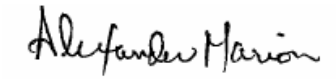
Therefore we cannot provide the information you requested by March 31. Rather, we will engage the staff at the upcoming public meeting.

Sincerely,



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