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Subject: Request for a 14-Day Extension to the Comment Period for RIL-0801 and NUREG/CR-6967

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Dear Mr. Lesar:

On July 31, 2008 the Federal Register announced the availability of Research Information Letter (RIL) 0801, "Technical Basis for Revision of Embrittlement Criteria in 10CFR50.46" and NUREG/CR-6967, "Cladding Embrittlement During Postulated Loss-of-Coolant Accidents" and requested comments by September 5, 2008. The purpose of this letter is to request a 14-day extension to the comment period to September 19, 2008.

Performance-based regulations on emergency core cooling system (ECCS) acceptance criteria are of great importance to the nuclear industry. Additionally, it is important for us to identify issues that may arise with respect to experimental data development or regulatory costs or impacts of new requirements. NEI is coordinating industry comments with EPRI, vendors, and licensees to ensure that the comments submitted by industry are of high quality and that they reflect a consensus industry perspective. The comment period given in the July 31 Federal Register Notice limits the time available to devote to the review of these documents and document the issues that may arise. Extending the comment period would provide the time necessary to better assess the impact of these proposed changes, ensure that all information relevant is gathered, and arrive at a set of comments that are of value to the NRC staff. As such, we respectfully request an extension of 14 calendar days from September 5, 2008, for closing of the comment period.

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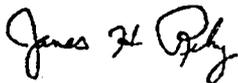
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We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 739-8137; jhr@nei.org or Gordon Clefton at (202) 739-8086; gac@nei.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James H. Riley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "R".

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