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Subject: Request for Extension of the Period for Public Comment on Draft Regulatory Guides DG-1186 & DG-4013 (73FR65705 & 73FR66685).

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The NRC has issued notice of a public meeting on January 15, 2009, to discuss Draft Regulatory Guides DG-1186 "Measuring, Evaluating, and Reporting Radioactive Material in Liquid and Gaseous Effluents and Solid Waste" and DG-4013 "Radiological Environmental Monitoring for Nuclear Power Plants".

The respective *Federal Register* notices state that stakeholder comments on DG-1186 are due by December 30, 2008, and stakeholder comments on DG-4013 are due on January 9, 2009. Therefore, the comment periods will end prior to the public meeting on January 15, 2009.

We request that the comment period for each of the draft regulatory guides be extended so as to close no earlier than January 30, 2009 –after the public meeting. We believe that adjusting the schedule in this way will allow the discussions between NRC staff and stakeholders at the meeting to inform public comments on the draft regulatory guides and will thereby also improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the NRC staff in resolving the comments.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this request and would like to be informed of your decision. If you have comments or questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-739-8111; rla@nei.org or George Oliver at 202-739-8016; gx0@nei.org.

Sincerely,

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