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We have reviewed the proposed revisions to 10 CFR Part 51 as described in the subject notice and agree that the categories of actions included therein have been shown to have no significant effect on the human environment, either individually or collectively, and should be excluded in accordance with NEPA and as defined in NRC regulations. We support issuance of a final rule to implements the proposed revisions to 10 CFR Part 51.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 202-739-8111; rla@nei.org.

Sincerely,

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