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Subject: Submittal of Revision to NEI 08-01, Revision 3, "Industry Guideline for ITAAC Closure Process Under 10 CFR Part 52"

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Dear Mr. Tracy:

This letter provides the NEI 08-01, Revision 3, "Industry Guideline for ITAAC Closure Process Under 10 CFR Part 52," for NRC endorsement. The enclosure reflects resolution of minor comments provided by the NRC staff on Revision 2.

NEI 08-01 provides important guidance on ITAAC close-out, including templates indentifying the content of Section 52.99 ITAAC close-out letters and a variety of sample letters. We expect that ITAAC close-out letters submitted by licensees based on these examples, and including plant-specific information, would be found acceptable by the staff for meeting the notification requirements of Section 52.99. While the example letters presented pertain to specific ITAAC, they are intended to provide a guide for preparing other ITAAC close-out letters as well. As we have discussed, we may choose to develop close-out letters for additional ITAAC and incorporate the additional letters in a future revision of NEI 08-01.

NEI 08-01, Revision 3, documents important common understandings reached to date regarding the ITAAC close-out process under Part 52. We understand that the NRC staff will publish a draft regulatory guide for comment in the near future that endorses this industry guideline. We look forward to additional interactions to address related issues concerning the licensee process for

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maintaining the status of closed ITAAC in support of the Section 52.103(g) finding on ITAAC completion.

We appreciate the constructive interactions with the NRC staff that have been a hallmark of NEI 08-01 development. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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