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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) – ENDORSEMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE’S (NEI) REQUEST FOR COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSION FOR PROPOSED EMERGENCY PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS REGULATIONS (VOLUME 74 FEDERAL REGISTER (FR) 23198, 23219, 23220, 23221, 23254)

In a letter dated May 18, 2009, NEI requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) extend the comment period for the proposed rule on emergency planning and preparedness regulations in 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52 (see 74 FR 23254) and the following related guidance:

- Supplement 4 to “Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plant,” NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1/Rev.1 (see 74 FR 23198) [Docket ID FEMA-2008-022]
- Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP) Manual (see 74 FR 23198) [Docket ID FEMA-2008-022]
- NUREG/CR-XXXX, “Criteria for Development of Evacuation Time Estimate Studies” (see 74 FR 23219)
- Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1237, “Guidance on Making Changes to Emergency Response Plans for Nuclear Power Reactors” (see 74 FR 23220)
- Interim Staff Guidance NSIR/DPR-ISG-01, “Emergency Planning for Nuclear Power Plants” (see 74 FR 23221)

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TVA has reviewed and endorses NEI's request that the comment period for this important rulemaking and related guidance be extended until approximately October 16, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Josh Perrel at (423) 751-7737.

Sincerely,



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