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**Subject:** Submittal of NEI 10-06, Revision 0, "Regulatory Issue Resolution Protocol: A Method for Resolving Regulatory Issues with Generic Implications"

**Project Number: 689**

Dear Mr. Leeds:

Enclosed for your information is NEI 10-06, Revision 0, "Regulatory Issue Resolution Protocol: A Method for Resolving Regulatory Issues with Generic Implications." This guidance document represents the compilation of efforts from the NEI Regulatory Issues Resolution Protocol Team along with your dedicated team of NRC representatives. The efforts were initiated in March 2009 and continued with numerous public meetings throughout the year. Additionally, the lessons learned from piloting the protocol with the Inaccessible Power Cable Issue were gathered and used to inform the guidance document.

NEI 10-06 describes a protocol to be used by the industry and the NRC to evaluate, resolve and close out selected regulatory issues with generic implications that apply to multiple licensees. The objectives of the protocol are to:

- Identify generic issues and provide early engagement between the NRC and the industry
- Agree on a common problem statement prior to problem-solving
- Establish success criteria to highlight attributes to be achieved with the resolution
- Identify and promote understanding of relevant regulatory requirements and associated guidance
- Ensure the durability of issue closure through the use of established regulatory processes

NEI and the nuclear industry appreciate your support. Your continued participation is requested to promote usage of the resolution protocol for timely resolution of regulatory issues.

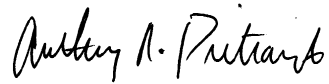
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