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Subject: Submittal of NEI 06-14A, Revision 7, *Quality Assurance Program Description*

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By letter dated May 12, 2010, NEI submitted NEI 06-14, Revision 9, *Quality Assurance Program Description*, which incorporated NEI responses to NRC staff comments on NEI 06-14, Revision 8. In that letter, we stated that once the staff was complete with their review, a published version of NEI 06-14 would be sent to the NRC. On July 13, 2010, the NRC notified NEI that they were complete with their review and, through issuance of a Safety Evaluation Report (ML101800497), concluded that for ESP and COL applications, NEI 06-14, Revision 9, provides an acceptable template for describing a Quality Assurance Program.

The NRC requested that NEI publish the accepted version of the QAPD with the SER as NEI 06-14A within three months. Many utilities have developed Quality Assurance Programs based on previous revisions to this document including NEI 06-14A, Revision 4 and NEI 06-14A, Revision 6. The highest revision number used to date for NEI 06-14A is Revision 6; therefore, renumbering the latest endorsed guidance as Revision 2, as suggested by the staff, could be a source of confusion. For that reason, NEI has issued this final document as NEI 06-14A, Revision 7, so it is clear that this is the latest version.

If future changes to the NRC's regulatory requirements affect the acceptability of NEI 06-14A, Revision 7, NEI will revise the document appropriately, or justify its continued applicability for subsequent use by COL and ESP applicants.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosure, please contact me or Mark W. Harvey (410-470-5541; mwh@nei.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RJ Bell", written in a cursive style.

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Attachment

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