

December 21, 2010

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ENDORSEMENT OF NEI 10-05, "ASSESSMENT OF ON-SHIFT EMERGENCY
RESPONSE ORGANIZATION STAFFING AND CAPABILITIES," REVISION 0,
NOVEMBER 2010

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The staff has completed its acceptance review and determined that NEI 10-05 does not meet the intent of the draft final rule and ISG. In addition, the staff is currently updating the ISG to clarify expectations regarding the types of events to be addressed in the staffing analyses. Therefore, the staff does not recommend acceptance of NEI 10-05, Rev. 0 for review. However, the staff would like to conduct a public meeting to discuss NEI 10-05 based on clarifications being made by NRC staff to the draft ISG in Section IV.C (Assignment of Multiple Functions to On-Shift Personnel). It is our intent to make the applicable portions of the ISG publicly available in ADAMS prior to the proposed public meeting to facilitate discussions.

If you have any further questions, please contact Joseph Anderson at (301) 415-4114.

Sincerely,

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