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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Request for NRC Comment, "Protective Action Recommendation Determination," October 2010

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. McDermott:

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)¹ and an industry task force have developed an NEI White Paper, "Protective Action Recommendation Determination". The purpose of this white paper is to provide a process to ensure that licensees properly weigh dose assessment information with plant conditions when making protective action recommendations. The task force has determined that this white paper is consistent with current guidance and provides further clarification to licensees on criteria that should be incorporated into the determination of subsequent protective action recommendations.

¹ NEI is the organization responsible for establishing unified industry policy on matters affecting the nuclear energy industry. NEI's members include all entities licensed to operate commercial nuclear power plants in the United States, nuclear plant designers, major architect/engineering firms, fuel fabrication facilities, nuclear material licensees, and other organizations and individuals involved in the nuclear energy industry.

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At the October 27, 2010 NEI Emergency Preparedness Working Group meeting, NRC staff recommended that NEI send the white paper to the NRC for internal discussion. NEI respectfully requests that any NRC staff comments on the attached paper be provided to NEI by February 28, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 739.8016; spg@nei.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Perkins-Grew".

Susan Perkins-Grew

Attachment

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