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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: RIRP Issue Screening Form and Resolution Plan for Coastal Marine Atmosphere

Project Code: 689

Dear Mr. Staab:

At the NRC/NEI public meeting on March 14, 2011, the NRC requested that NEI draft the Screening Form and Resolution plan for the Coastal Marine Atmosphere issue, which is planned to be resolved using NEI's Regulatory Issue Resolution Protocol (RIRP), NEI 10-03. This issue was originally identified by the NRC.

NEI has, with industry support, incorporated the comments and suggestions from the meeting on March 14th into the RIRP Screening Form (Attachment 1) and Resolution Plan (Attachment 2). We believe that the Screening Form properly characterizes the issue and success criteria that, if achieved, would constitute successful closure of this issue. We also believe that the Resolution Plan provides a workable set of actions by the industry and the NRC to ensure that the success criteria are achieved.

NEI would appreciate a response from the NRC on the Screening Form and Resolution Plan by June 17, 2011. If the NRC believes that a meeting is necessary to discuss these forms in order to make changes, please contact me at your earliest convenience so that we might arrange a time in the
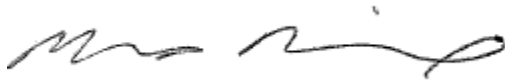
near future. The industry is interested in reaching closure on this issue in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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