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Washington, DC 20555-0001

**Subject:** Industry Feedback on Fuel Cycle Information Exchange Held June 7-8, 2011

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Dear Ms. Haney:

On behalf of the fuel cycle industry, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)<sup>1</sup> appreciates the time and effort that you and your staff expended to organize and conduct the well received Fuel Cycle Information Exchange (FCIX) held in Rockville, Maryland on June 7 and 8, 2011. In particular, over the last three annual meetings, Ms. Rosemary Reeves has been well organized, responsive, and communicative with industry when working to identify regulatory topics of mutual interest as well as speakers and panelists.

Based on industry feedback during and after the FCIX, it is clear that the program duration, content, speaker presentations, and panel discussions were timely and relevant to industry. The exchange was also well organized in that there was a logical agenda flow and synergy from one topic area to the next, as well as adequate time for questions and answers. We also believe that the smaller meeting room and venue contributed to the active engagement of fuel cycle facility managers and staff who are responsible for day-to-day implementation of NRC-licensed operations and other stakeholders.

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<sup>1</sup>NEI is the organization responsible for establishing unified nuclear industry policy on matters affecting the nuclear energy industry. NEI's members include all utilities 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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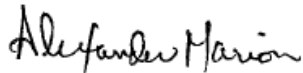
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We believe that opportunities such as the FCIX where NRC and industry dedicate time to focus solely on the unique regulatory and programmatic issues associated with fuel cycle facilities is invaluable and we look forward to working with you and your staff on next year's FCIX. In that regard, we appreciate your attendance at the FCIX and the efforts of Mr. John Kinneman to facilitate the meeting and making himself available to interact with attendees.

Finally, we also fully support the staff's plan to identify the date for FCIX 2012 by this year's end, if at all possible, to avoid conflicts with other significant industry or NRC meetings or activities, e.g., NRC's annual Regulatory Information Conference. Such calendar coordination will help ensure maximum fuel cycle industry participation in this beneficial opportunity for the exchange of information unique to our industry.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact Janet Schlueter of my staff at 202-739-8098; [jrs@nei.org](mailto:jrs@nei.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexander Marion".

Alexander Marion

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