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**Subject:** Submittal of NEI 12-07, Revision 0, *Guidelines for Performing Verification Walkdowns of Plant Flood Protection Features*

**Project Number: 689**

**Reference:** 1. NRC Letter to Licensees, dated March 12, 2012, "Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3 of the Near Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident"

As part of its response to Reference 1, the industry has prepared the attached guidance on the performance of flooding design basis walkdowns: NEI 12-07, Revision 0, *Guidelines for Performing Verification Walkdowns of Plant Flood Protection Features*. The content of these guidelines has been the subject of a number of meetings between the staff and industry. Ultimately, both organizations agreed that the version of this guideline attached to this letter addresses all comments that have been identified to date. The purpose of this letter is to submit revision 0 of NEI 12-07 for NRC endorsement. NEI 12-07 is not proprietary.

Consistent with other submittals supporting the industry's response to reference 1, we believe NRC staff review of NEI 12-07 is exempt from the fee recovery provision contained in 10 CFR Part 170. This submittal provides a deliverable that is expected by the referenced letter—specifically, Enclosure 4 of the reference states that the NRC intends to interact with the industry to develop an approach to walkdowns that can be applied in a uniform and consistent manner. NRC reviews of such items are exempted under §170.11, Exemptions, Subpart (a)(1)(iii). This provision states, (a) "No application fees, license fees, renewal fees, inspection fees, or special project fees shall be required for...(1) A special project that is a request/report submitted to the NRC--(iii) As a means of exchanging information between industry organizations and the NRC for the specific purpose of supporting the NRC's generic regulatory improvements or efforts."

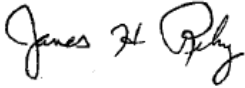
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James H. Riley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "R".

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Attachment

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