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Mr. Steven D. Bloom
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Transmittal of NEI 12-06, "Diverse and Flexible Coping Strategies (FLEX) Implementation Guide," Revision B, dated May 2012

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. Bloom:

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the associated industry task force groups have developed, and are seeking NRC review and endorsement of NEI 12-06, "Diverse and Flexible Coping Strategies (FLEX) Implementation Guide," Revision B, dated May 2012. The guidance contained in this document will be used by licensees to respond to Order EA-12-049, "Order to Modifying Licenses with Regard to Requirements for Mitigation Strategies for Beyond-Design-Basis External Events."

The version attached is draft Revision B. The document has undergone extensive industry review but there still remains work to be done to complete the guidance. In this regard, there are several sections that refer to further guidance being "under development" but these generally consist of formats for integrated plans and submittal templates. Appendix F has been included which addresses the application of the guidance to current holders of combined licenses.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 739-8058; sab@nei.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Bauer", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Scott A. Bauer

Attachment