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Mr. Scott C. Flanders
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Subject: Submittal of NEI 10-07, Revision 1, *Industry Guideline for Effective Pre-Application Interactions With Agencies Other Than NRC During the Early Site Permit Process*

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. Flanders:

Attached is NEI 10-07, Revision 1, *Industry Guideline for Effective Pre-Application Interactions With Agencies Other Than NRC During the Early Site Permit Process*. This document was developed by NEI's Early Site Permit (ESP) Task Force to capture lessons learned from the experience of six ESP application processes as an aid to future applicants in navigating the complex array of interactions with the numerous and diverse entities that must be involved in the process in order for it to be successful.

Revision 1 updates the document to include the considerable amount of information received on the roles of other federal agencies in the ESP process at a multi-agency public meeting held on September 11, 2012. The industry sincerely appreciates the work that the NRC staff completed to make this significant interaction, as well as a similar prior public meeting on July 15, 2010, possible. The dialogue facilitated in these interactions has been highly valuable to industry and the goal of preserving the results of this dialogue for future applicants is a key objective of NEI 10-07.

We request your review and endorsement of NEI 10-07, Revision 1. We believe that industry use of this document will have a beneficial effect on the ESP applications currently in process as well as those anticipated in the future. We further believe that this guidance will be of significant value to the NRC in the agency's review of these applications because it would help assure that issues involving other agencies are effectively addressed in a way that does not disrupt the NRC review.

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If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod McCullum", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Rod McCullum

Attachment

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