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Subject: Submittal of NEI 08-01, *Industry Guideline for the ITAAC Closure Process Under 10 CFR 52, Revision 5 - Corrected*

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. Cheok:

The attachment to this letter provides NEI 08-01, *Industry Guideline for the ITAAC Closure Process Under 10 CFR 52, Revision 5 - Corrected*, for NRC final review and endorsement. The attachment reflects convergence achieved over the course of several public meetings on the resolution of NRC staff comments provided on proposed revisions to existing guidance.

NEI 08-01, Revision 5 – Corrected, includes changes that resolve items necessary to enable endorsement of the guidance as identified in the NRC letter dated April 23, 2014. Notably, we have corrected Example D-2 to illustrate use of one cover letter for multiple ITAAC Closure Notifications consistent with the option identified in Section 6 of the guidance. Example D-47 has been corrected to clarify the ITAAC Determination Basis and include Attachment A which was missing from Revision 5. We have also taken the opportunity to correct some editorial/typographical errors, as well as certain items to limit the need for NRC staff to add clarification in their endorsement of the document. Upon completing its review to confirm appropriate resolution of NRC comments, we understand that the staff will initiate the process of endorsing NEI 08-01, Revision 5 - Corrected, via a second revision to Regulatory Guide 1.215.

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We appreciate the constructive series of public interactions with the NRC staff that have supported the completion of industry guidance on the ITAAC closure process. We look forward to continued discussion of lessons learned from first-time implementation of the ITAAC closure process for the Vogtle and Summer projects.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Kati Austgen (202.739.8068, kra@nei.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RJB", written in a cursive style.

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Attachment

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