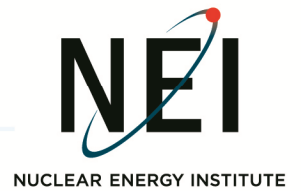


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Subject: Endorsement of NEI 03-01, *Nuclear Power Plant Access Authorization Program*, Revision 4, Dated July 2014

Project Number: 689

Dear Ms. Lui:

On behalf of the nuclear energy industry, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)¹ would like to provide the attached copy of NEI 03-01, Revision 4, dated July 2014, for NRC review and endorsement. NEI 03-01 has been revised to include an independent review process for access denials pertaining to individuals who currently hold unescorted access authorization (UAA) or unescorted access (UA) and they are determined to no longer be trustworthy and reliable and subsequently denied UAA/UA. This new process will supplement and be in addition to the current process that has not changed. This guidance is designed to standardize the industry access authorization appeal process and provide qualification requirements for an independent third party appeal reviewer. The scope of this document and applicability extends to all personnel currently holding UAA or UA regardless of represented status.

¹ The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) is the organization responsible for establishing unified industry policy on matters affecting the nuclear energy industry, including the regulatory aspects of generic operational and technical issues. NEI's members include all entities licensed to operate commercial nuclear power plants in the United States, nuclear plant designers, major architect/engineering firms, fuel cycle facilities, nuclear materials licensees, and other organizations and entities involved in the nuclear energy industry.

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This revision to NEI 03-01 has been developed through the combined efforts of NEI and labor stakeholders in order to address the recent issue of arbitrating access decisions. The decision from the licensee review process is final, shall be the exclusive means by which individual UAA/UA decisions may be reviewed, and may not be reviewed or overturned by any third party.

The industry requests endorsement of NEI 03-01, Revision 4, by August 15, 2014. If any revisions to this document are desired, please include suggested wording and technical data to support the proposed change.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at (202) 739-8174; dk@nei.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Kline". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "K".

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Attachments

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