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Subject: Request for Extension of Public Comment Period on NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP 1, Revision 2, "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants" Docket ID FEMA-2012-0026, NRC-2015-0133; (FR Notice 2015-13079)

Project Number: 689

Dear Messrs. Lewis and Mitchell:

The subject Federal Register Notice (FRN) issued for public comment on draft NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP 1, Revision 2, "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants" (Docket ID FEMA-2012-0026 and NRC-2015-0133). Comments on the draft NUREG are requested by August 27, 2015. The purpose of this letter is to request a 90-day extension to this comment period.

As stated in the FRN, the purpose of the document is to provide criteria for evaluating the adequacy of the emergency plans and preparedness of commercial nuclear power plant (NPP) licensees and applicants, as well as those of State, local, and Tribal governments within the emergency planning zones surrounding commercial NPPs. A thorough review of this important document is imperative. The additional time being requested will enable us to gather and consolidate input from throughout the industry in a more effective manner, and incorporate new information from a planned public meeting on July 16, 2015, to discuss emergency response organization staffing and augmentation guidance.

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We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (202) 739-8016; spg@nei.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan H. Perkins-Grew". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S".

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