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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S
PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF NEI 05-05, "CONTROLLER GUIDELINE FOR
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DECEMBER 2015

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The NRC staff conducted a preliminary review of NEI 05-05, Revision 5, and determined the document contains sufficient information to the applicable program areas for a detailed evaluation for potential NRC endorsement. We will continue a detailed evaluation of NEI 05-05, Revision 5, in order for the NRC to determine if endorsement of this document would be recommended.

We will provide a reply of our review within 90 days from the date of this letter to either request additional information or notify you of our determination for potential endorsement.

Should you have any question concerning this letter, please contact Daniel Cardenas at (301) 287-0756.

Sincerely,

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