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Subject: Industry Comments on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1324, *Guidance on Making Changes to Emergency Plans for Nuclear Power Reactors*, (Docket ID NRC-2015-0278)

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Dear Ms. Bladey:

On behalf of the nuclear energy industry, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)¹ appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on NRC Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1324, *Guidance on Making Changes to Emergency Plans for Nuclear Power Reactors* (Docket ID NRC-2015-0278).

The updated document clarifies how the regulatory guidance applies to emergency plan changes at facilities that have certified permanent cessation of operation. NEI provides comments pertaining to the guidance application to these facilities in Table 1 of the attachment.

Beyond formatting changes, the staff made additional improvements to document content. In the spirit of continuous improvement, NEI provides additional suggestions that add further document clarity in Table 2 of the attachment.

Finally, in future document revisions, NEI recommends the staff identify document changes to improve transparency.

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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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Martin Hug at (202) 739-8129;
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Sincerely,

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

Susan Perkins-Grew

Attachment

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