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Mr. Michael C. Layton  
Director, Division of Security Operations  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

**Subject:** Withdrawal of NEI White Paper Titled "Security Coping Time" Dated December 2015 from Consideration for NRC Endorsement

**Project Number: 689**

Dear Mr. Layton:

Based upon recent interactions with the your staff, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)<sup>1</sup>, on behalf of the nuclear energy industry, is formally notifying the NRC of the desire to withdraw the White Paper titled "Security Coping Time," dated December 2015, which was submitted to the NRC on December 17, 2015. The nuclear energy industry is reassessing the most effective manner to address the topic as described in the White Paper. The industry appreciates the opportunity to continue engaging with the staff in addressing issues important to the industry.

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<sup>1</sup> 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, please contact me or AJ Clore at (202) 739-8025; [ajc@nei.org](mailto:ajc@nei.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Speer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Richard J. Speer

Attachment

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