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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Endorsement of NEI 13-10, *Cyber Security Control Assessments*, Revision 5, Dated February 2017

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. Andersen:

By letter dated November 30, 2015, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)¹ submitted, on behalf of the nuclear energy industry, NEI 13-10, *Cyber Security Control Assessments*, Revision 4, dated November 2015, for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and endorsement (NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15338A276). Subsequently, by letter dated December 21, 2015, the NRC informed NEI that NEI 13-10, Revision 4, is acceptable for use by licensees (ADAMS Accession No. ML15351A065).

The attached NEI 13-10, Revision 5, addresses lessons learned from a workshop conducted in 2016 that included industry and NRC observers. Revision 5 modifies Section 3, "Consequence Assessment of CDAs," to enhance clarity for assigning CDAs to categories. Other clarifications were made that are intended to enhance both industry implementation and NRC oversight activities. For example, Tables 1 and 2 from Revision 4 were removed and the guidance contained in those tables was moved to body of the text. Additionally, several enhancements were made to fully integrate the Balance-of-Plant category that was introduced in Revision 3. Changes to reflect the enhancements to Revision 5 were incorporated into the examples in Appendix C, and two additional appendices were added: Appendix E contains questions and

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answers based on lessons learned; and, Appendix F addresses NEI 08-09, Revision 6 programmatic controls for non-Direct CDAs.

NEI requests that the NRC review and endorse NEI 13-10, Revision 5, dated February 2017, by March 15, 2017. If any revisions to this document are desired, please include suggested wording and the technical data to support the proposed change(s).

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact William Gross (202-739-8123; wrg@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 some loops and flourishes.

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Attachment

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