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Ms. Cindy Bladey
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Request for Extension of Public Comment Period on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-4026, "Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Stations" (Docket ID NRC-2017-0041)

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Dear Ms. Bladey:

On February 13, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a notice soliciting comments on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-4026, "Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Stations", an update to Regulatory Guide 4.2, Revision 2. Comments are due to the NRC by April 14, 2017. On behalf of the nuclear industry, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)¹ requests an extension to the public comment period until May 31, 2017.

The additional time is needed in order to perform a comprehensive review of the information in the draft regulatory guide, attend a public meeting, which NRC staff has indicated that they will conduct on the revisions, and consolidate industry comments. In support of managing our comment activities, we respectfully request a response to this extension request by March 17, 2017.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nima Ashkeboussi

c: Ms. Jennifer Davis, NRO/DSEA, NRC

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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