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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT  
PERIOD ON NUREG/BR-0058; 82 FR 18163; DOCKET ID NRC-2017-0091

Dear Mr. Slider:

Thank you for your letter dated May 17, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML17142A297), in which the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) extend the public comment period for NUREG/BR-0058, Revision 5, "Regulatory Analysis Guidelines of the U.S. NRC," for an additional 60 days.

After careful consideration, the NRC has decided not to extend the public comment period for NUREG/BR-0058, Revision 5. The publication of NUREG/BR-0058, Revision 5 will allow the NRC to address and close outstanding regulatory analysis audit recommendations documented in the U.S. Government Accountability Office report GAO-15-98, "Nuclear Regulatory Commission Needs to Improve Its Cost Estimates by Incorporating More Best Practices," and the Office of the Inspector General report OIG-15-A-15, "Audit of NRC's Regulatory Analysis Final Report." Any extensions to the duration of the public comment period would preclude the NRC staff from completing these important updates by the Commission-directed due date of January 15, 2018.

In the future, after NUREG/BR-0058, Revision 5 has been issued and implemented, the NRC plans to provide another opportunity for the public to comment from a lessons-learned perspective, with a goal of identifying further improvements to this guidance. The NRC anticipates that this opportunity will be provided during the Phase 2 update of the NUREG/BR-0058, which is expected late in calendar year 2018.

The staff appreciates NEI's request and involvement in this important topic.

Sincerely,

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