

June 29, 2017

Mr. Michael D. Tschiltz, Senior Director  
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SUBJECT: THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION RECEIPT OF THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE'S WHITE PAPER, "FIRST PRINCIPLES FOR USE IN DEVELOPING DESIGN CERTIFICATION TIER 1 INFORMATION AND INSPECTIONS, TESTS, ANALYSES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA" AND FEE EXEMPTION REQUEST DATED JUNE 14, 2017

Dear Mr. Tschiltz:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received your letter dated June 14, 2017, requesting the staff's review and feedback on the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) white paper entitled "First Principles for Use in Developing Design Certification Tier 1 Information and Inspections, Tests, Analyses and Acceptance Criteria" and your request for a fee exemption to conduct the review. In addition, NEI indicated its intent to contact the NRC with a request for a public meeting to discuss the white paper.

The NRC is currently considering both written requests and expects to issue a determination letter within 60 days.

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Lauron at (301) 415-2736 or via e-mail at [Carolyn.Lauron@nrc.gov](mailto:Carolyn.Lauron@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

**/RA – A. Bradford for/**

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