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SUBJECT: INFORMATION REQUEST REGARDING DRAFT REVISION 3 OF THE
KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES CATALOGS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
OPERATORS (NUREG-1122 AND NUREG-1123)

Dear Mr. Riti:

By letter dated November 2, 2017 (Reference 1), the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) remove certain proposed changes contained in draft revision 3 of the Knowledge and Abilities (K/A) catalogs (NUREG-1122, "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators: Pressurized Water Reactors," and NUREG-1123, "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators: Boiling Water Reactors") (References 2 and 3) prior to the NRC finalizing revision 3 of the catalogs. Specifically, NEI requested that sections 5 and 6 (i.e., the generic fundamentals sections) contained in draft revision 3 of the K/A catalogs be removed and replaced with sections 5 and 6 from the current revision 2 of the K/A catalogs, based upon a lack of technical justification for the proposed changes to these sections. In response to the NEI letter, and to discuss other operator licensing issues, the NRC held a public meeting with the NEI Licensed Operator Focus Group on January 24, 2018 (Reference 4). In that meeting, NEI agreed to provide the NRC information, as detailed below, so that the NRC can proceed with finalizing revision 3 of the K/A catalogs. The NRC has not received a response and again requests this information in order to ensure that the K/A catalogs are accurate for publishing.

Specifically, the NRC requests that NEI provide the K/A importance rating survey inputs which were used to determine the listed importance ratings for all of the K/A statements contained in sections 3 and 4 (i.e., plant systems and emergency/abnormal plant evolutions) of draft revision 3 of NUREG-1122 and draft revision 3 of NUREG-1123. [As an example for a single K/A statement, from draft revision 3 of NUREG-1122, page 3.1-9, for the control rod drive system, under K/A category A2, K/A number A2.01, "CRDM cooling," a RO importance rating of 3.3 is listed and a SRO importance rating of 3.3 is listed. The NRC requests the K/A importance rating survey inputs that were averaged to determine the listed RO/SRO importance ratings of 3.3/3.3.]

The NRC requests that NEI arrange for this information to be provided to the NRC, or provide to the NRC a status update for when this information will be available. The NRC looks forward to your reply on this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1324.

Sincerely,

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References: Located in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>

1. Letter to Nancy Salgado from NEI dated November 2, 2017, Requesting Removal of Unintended Changes to Revision 3 of NUREG-1122 and NUREG-1123, (ADAMS Accession No. ML18180A121).
2. NUREG-1122 DFC Rev. 3, "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators: Pressurized Water Reactors - Draft Report for Comment," (ADAMS Accession No. ML17097A204).
3. NUREG-1123 DFC, Rev. 3, "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators: Boiling Water Reactors - Draft Report for Comment," (ADAMS Accession No. ML17097A214).
4. January 24, 2018, Summary of Meeting with Industry Focus Group on Licensed Operator Issues, (ADAMS Accession No. ML18046A122).

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