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Dear Mr. Whitesel:

This letter documents NRC's receipt of industry comments on the preliminary technical letter report titled, "Project to Review the Knowledge and Abilities Catalogs." The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) provided industry comments in your letter to Joseph F. Collins, dated April 1, 1994. The staff appreciates the efforts of the NUMARC/NEI Working Group on Operator Issues in reviewing the preliminary technical letter report and in providing point by point evaluations of potential effects on industry of the proposed revisions.

The staff believes that there is a need to update and revise the Knowledge and Abilities (K/A) catalogs. However, the staff agrees with the NEI position that cost/benefit considerations should be included in any revision decisions. Industry comments that were provided with the NEI letter are being considered and will be individually addressed at the August workshops.

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