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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

December 15, 1995

Mr. Douglas J. Walters Project Manager Licensing & Performance-Based Regulation Nuclear Energy Institute 1776 I Street NW Washington, DC 20006

SUBJECT: NRC STAFF REVIEW OF THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE GUIDELINE TO IMPLEMENT THE LICENSE RENEWAL RULE

Dear Mr. Walters:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is currently reviewing the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI's) "Industry Guideline for Implementing the Requirements of 10 CFR Part 54 - The License Renewal Rule," NEI 95-10, Revision E, December 1995, submitted by NEI letter dated December 6, 1995. Enclosed with the letter was the Index of Questions/Topics, Revision 4, dated December 4, 1995, that is being used to track open items associated with NEI 95-10.

The NRC staff has reviewed the status of items listed in the Index based on the information contained in the guideline up through Revision E. The enclosure to this letter indicates which items the staff considers to be (1) closed, (2) open, or (3) open but final resolution is deferred until completion of the demonstration project.

In order to maintain traceability regarding the resolution of items, the staff requests that NEI include in the Index under the column "Industry Reply" reference to the final resolution (e.g., disposition and applicable guideline revision/section number). This information should be included with the January 15, 1996, scheduled submittal responding to all open items. Additionally, NEI is requested to consider adding to the Index, a new status number for the open items for which resolution is deferred to the demonstration project.

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As previously agreed, the status of open items will be discussed at the scheduled December 21, 1995, NEI-NRC working level meeting.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Stephen T. Hoffman, Senior Project Manager License Renewal and Environmental Review Project Directorate Division of Reactor Program Management Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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NRC STAFF ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS OF ITEMS CONTAINED IN NEI'S INDEX OF QUESTIONS/TOPICS REVISION 4, DECEMBER 4, 1995

The NRC staff has evaluated the status of the items contained in the referenced Index. Staff determinations were made using information incorporated in the guideline up through Revision E. The staff grouped items as either: <u>Closed</u> (Status 1), <u>Open</u> (Status 2 or 3), or <u>Deferred</u> (open but final resolution is deferred until completion of the demonstration project). A number of the following items were closed by the staff because the wording of the guideline has been revised such that the comment no longer applies or the comment has been superseded by other staff comments. All item numbers should be prefaced by "95-".

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