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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NEI WHITE PAPER, "CHANGES TO NEI 10-04 AND NEI 13-10 GUIDANCE FOR IDENTIFYING AND PROTECTING DIGITAL ASSETS ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY," DATED DECEMBER 2020

Dear Mr. Gross:

In your letter dated December 18, 2020, you requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) white paper, "Changes to NEI 10-04 and NEI 13-10 Guidance for Identifying and Protecting Digital Assets Associated with Security," dated December 2020 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML20353A133). The white paper describes proposed changes to previously approved NEI guidance for identifying and protecting critical digital assets associated with security functions, to improve the efficiency of licensees' cyber security programs while maintaining program effectiveness to protect against cyber attacks.

The NRC staff reviewed the security white paper based on the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 73.54, "Protection of digital computer and communication systems and networks," prior staff positions, and feedback from a public meeting on the white paper held on January 28, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21033A874). The staff's comments on the white paper are provided in the enclosure.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Brian Yip at 301-415-3154.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
1. NRC Staff Comments

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