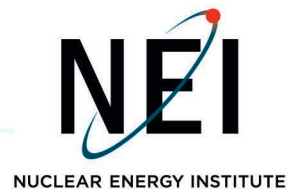


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ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

**Project Number: 689**

**Subject:** Request for an Extension of the Comment Period on the Petition for Rulemaking, Docket No. PRM-50-124 (Docket ID: NRC-2022-0178) (Federal Register Notice 87FR71531)

Dear Ms. Brooke P. Clark,

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)<sup>1</sup>, on behalf of the industry, appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Petition for Rulemaking, Docket No. PRM-50-124.

In Federal Register Notice 87FR71531, Docket ID: NRC-2022-0178, dated November 23, 2022, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission requested that stakeholder comments be submitted by February 6, 2023. NEI requests a 30-day extension to the comment period to March 8, 2023. This extension is necessary to permit adequate stakeholder engagement on this complex and important topic as the original comment period extended over two major holidays resulting in many stakeholders being unavailable to thoroughly review and comment on the proposal.

We appreciate the NRC staff's consideration of this extension and request that a response be provided by January 27, 2023. Please contact me at [fap@nei.org](mailto:fap@nei.org) or (202) 739-8132 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frances Pimentel".

Frances A. Pimentel

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<sup>1</sup> The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) is responsible for establishing unified policy on behalf of its members relating to matters affecting the nuclear energy industry, including the regulatory aspects of generic operational and technical issues. NEI's members include entities licensed to operate commercial nuclear power plants in the United States, nuclear plant designers, major architect and engineering firms, fuel cycle facilities, nuclear materials licensees, and other organizations involved in the nuclear energy industry.