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Russ Bell is Director of New Plant Licensing at the Nuclear Energy Institute in Washington, DC. NEI, with over 260 corporate U.S. and international members, is the policy organization of the U.S. nuclear energy and technologies industry.

Russ is currently working on activities in support of new nuclear plant deployment in the United States, focusing primarily on assuring predictable and efficient licensing and construction. For much of the 1990s, Russ was involved in securing the first-ever NRC design certifications under the NRC's new Part 52 licensing process. More recently, Russ has chaired industry task forces on the Part 52 update rulemaking, early site permits, ITAAC, combined license applications and construction inspection.

From 1997-2001, Russ led industry efforts to address generic technical and regulatory issues facing operating plants, including development of NRC-endorsed guidance on the 10 CFR 50.59 plant change process, the FSAR update rule and the interpretation of what constitutes a plant's "design bases."

Before joining NEI's predecessor organization, NUMARC, in 1988, Russ was an Electrical/Control Systems Engineer for Bechtel Power Corporation and an Associate Engineer for NUS Corporation. He graduated in 1981 from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Sciences degree in electrical and mechanical engineering.