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SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON IMPROVED LICENSE RENEWAL GUIDANCE
DOCUMENTS

Gentlemen:

On August 31, 2000, we issued the draft improved license renewal guidance documents for public comment. Your organizations provided comments in response to our request. We appreciate your comments and have evaluated them, along with comments submitted by industry representatives and groups to develop appropriate changes in the guidance documents.

Since October 2000, when the comment period closed, we have held several public meetings with the industry groups to discuss their comments and describe changes to the guidance documents. UCS and NIRS are on the distribution for our meeting notices, and we have asked for an opportunity to meet with UCS and NIRS to discuss your comments. While we haven't had an opportunity to hold such a meeting, this letter forwards a summary of meetings with the Nuclear Energy Institute to inform you of the actions taken to address the industry comments.

We will discuss the public comments and the guidance changes with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) in a meeting on March 27, 2001. You can participate in that meeting by notifying the ACRS in accordance with the practices described in the ACRS meeting notices in the Federal Register. If you would like to meet with the staff to discuss the license renewal guidance documents before we forward the revised guidance for Commission approval in April, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI)
TO ADDRESS INDUSTRY COMMENTS ON IMPROVED LICENSE RENEWAL
GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

February 7, 2000	Meeting with NEI to discuss achieving consistency between the Standard Review Plan for License Renewal (SRP-LR) and NEI 95-10. Meeting notice: ADAMS accession # ML010260152. Meeting Summary: (In preparation)
January 31, 2000	Meeting with NEI to discuss the list of Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) report application and process open items from Industry comments on the draft license renewal guidance documents. This meeting is for NEI to discuss open issues at the NRC branch management level. The agenda for this meeting is available from ADAMS, document accession # ML010190321. Meeting notice: ADAMS accession # ML010220350. Meeting Summary: (In preparation)
January 30, 2000	Meeting with NEI to discuss the list of structural open items from Industry comments on the draft license renewal guidance documents. This meeting is for NEI to discuss open issues at the NRC branch management level. The agenda for this meeting is available from ADAMS, document accession # ML010190335. Meeting notice: ADAMS accession # ML0101220061. Meeting Summary: (In preparation)
January 25, 2000	Meeting with NEI to discuss the list of mechanical open items from Industry comments on the draft license renewal guidance documents. This meeting is for NEI to discuss open issues at the NRC branch management level. Meeting notice: ADAMS accession # ML010160059. Meeting Summary: ADAMS accession # ML010520402.
December 21, 2000	Meeting with NEI to discuss the list of open items from Industry comments on the draft license renewal guidance documents that will be escalated to the branch level. The list of open items is available in ADAMS with accession # ML003775920. Meeting notice: ADAMS accession # ML003776325. Meeting Summary: ADAMS accession # ML010180147.
November 15, 2000	Meeting with NEI to discuss NEI comments on the draft GALL report and SRP-LR - Mechanical Systems, Chapters IV, V, VII, VIII and XI of the GALL report and Chapter 3, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the SRP-LR. Meeting notice: ADAMS accession # ML003765564. Meeting Summary: ADAMS accession # ML003778280.

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November 15, 2000	Meeting with NEI to discuss NEI comments of October 13, 2000, regarding Chapters 3 and 4 of the draft SRP-LR, and Chapters II and III (Containments and Structures and Component Supports) of the draft GALL report for license renewal. Meeting notice: ADAMS accession # ML003765974. Meeting Summary: ADAMS accession # ML003778664.
November 9, 2000	Meeting with NEI to discuss NEI comments on the use of the draft GALL report and the SRP-LR. Meeting notice: ADAMS accession # ML003763784. Meeting Summary: ADAMS accession # ML010080276.
November 8, 2000	Meeting with NEI to discuss comment of October 13, 2000, regarding Chapters 2 and 4 and the Appendix of the draft SRP-LR and Chapters VI and XI (Electrical) of the draft GALL report for license renewal. Meeting notice: ADAMS accession # ML003764432. Meeting Summary: ADAMS accession # ML003779317.

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