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Mr. Samuel J. Collins
Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O5 E7
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Collins:

NEI has been actively engaged in the communication of safeguards information with both the NRC and licensees. The ability to receive timely safeguards information in order to properly address sensitive aspects of physical security for nuclear power plants and to help achieve industrywide results is hampered by the lack of satisfactory storage. Therefore, I request NRC authorize NEI to establish the capability to receive and hold safeguards information.

Six NEI personnel have active NRC "L" clearances with an established "need to know" based upon direct involvement in coordinating the industry's security initiatives. The requirements of NRC Management Directive 12.6, "NRC Sensitive Unclassified Information Security Program," and NUREG-0794, "Protection of Unclassified Safeguards Information," are being used to develop NEI procedure for receiving and handling safeguards information.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Rich Enkeboll (202-739-8102).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Beedle", is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name "Ralph E. Beedle" is printed in a standard font.

c: Martin J. Virgilio, NMSS

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Add: R. Enkeboll

