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Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Rulemaking

PROJECT NUMBER: 689

Dear Mr. Hannon:

We are enclosing two draft documents for your review that relate to the implementing guidance industry is developing for the subject rulemaking.

The first document is a final draft of the pre-publication EPRI report (*Transition Process Pilot Report - NEI 04-02 Guidance for Implementing a Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Program under 10 CFR 50.48(c)*) on the demonstration of the implementing guidance conducted at the McGuire plant in July and August 2003. This document is being provided for information only; no formal review is requested.

The second document is a draft method for resolving (in the implementing guidance) issues with Chapter 3 of NFPA 805. This comes as a result of an action item for NEI resulting from our meeting with you on October 15, 2003. We are providing it as a draft for information only. We intend to reflect this position in the next revision of NEI 04-02.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Fred Emerson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Marion".

Alex Marion

Enclosures

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