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Mr. David B. Matthews
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Dear Mr. Matthews:

Enclosed for NRC staff review is a revised final draft NEI 00-04, *10 CFR 50.69 SSC Categorization Guideline*. This document reflects the following changes from the previous draft transmitted to you on July 8:

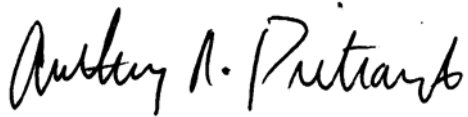
- Discussion of the final rule has been added to the introduction;
- The rule language is provided as Appendix A;
- Rule references have been added throughout the document;
- Section 8 has been expanded to provide more detail on the final sensitivity study;
- Section 12, *Periodic Review*, has been restructured to correspond with rule paragraphs and provide additional guidance on monitoring of RISC-3 SSCs;
- Section 9, *IDP review*, particularly Section 9.2, has been rewritten to clarify the IDP considerations, based on pilot plant IDP experience; and
- Section 6, *Defense in Depth Assessment*, has been clarified based on pilot plant IDP experience.

A line-in, line-out version, and a final version are attached. We believe a public meeting should be held at your earliest convenience to discuss these changes further. Our goal remains to achieve NRC endorsement of NEI-00-04, as an acceptable approach for meeting the relevant requirements of 10 CFR 50.69, without exception.

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Please contact Biff Bradley (202)-739-8083, e-mail reb@nei.org, or me, if you have any questions.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anthony R. Pietrangelo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'A' and 'P'.

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Enclosures

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