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July 16, 2007

The Honorable Dale E. Klein
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O 16 C1
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Request for Industry Participation in August 22 Briefing

Project Number: 689

Dear Chairman Klein:

We understand that the NRC staff will brief the Commission on August 22, 2007 on new reactor issues. In view of the close proximity of the submittals of the first Part 52 combined construction permit and operating license applications, we believe that there would be additional benefit if the industry's New Plant Oversight Committee (NPOC) also briefed the Commission on:

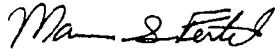
- The status of new plant applications and the preparations for deployment
- The progress that has been made since NPOC last briefed the Commission on October 16, 2006, and
- The industry's expectations, plans and priorities for the next 12 months to ensure congruence between NRC and industry.

The industry is in the final stages of preparing the new plant license applications. We remain confident that quality submittals will be submitted; although there are still some implementing guidance issues that remain to be resolved.

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If the Commission agrees to this request, NEI will coordinate the industry's preparation of the NPOC briefing and interactions with the NRC staff. If you or other Commissioners or their staffs have questions please contact me directly or Tony Pietrangelo at (202) 739-8081; arp@nei.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marvin S. Fertel".

Marvin S. Fertel

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The Honorable Gregory B. Jaczko, Commissioner, NRC
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