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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Request for Extension on Public Comment Period on Revised NUREG-1555 Sections

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. Kugler:

We appreciate the NRC staff's efforts to update its Environmental Standard Review Plan, NUREG-1555, including the release of revised sections for use and comment and the public workshop that was held on August 9. As you are aware, the industry is heavily engaged in finalization of first-of-kind COL applications in preparation for submittal to NRC over the next several weeks. Because industry resources are principally focused on COL applications, we are writing to request an extension of the public comment period on the revised NUREG-1555 sections. We request an extension of the comment period to October 12, 2007. The additional time will allow us to provide more constructive comments that will in turn provide a better basis for follow-up discussion as appropriate.

We look forward to providing industry comments on the Environmental Standard Review Plan by October 12. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at (202) 739-8087; rjb@nei.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RJB", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Russell J. Bell

c: James E. Lyons, NRC
NRC Document Control Desk