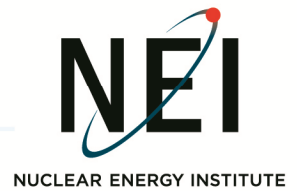


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Subject: Response to NRC Letter, Request for Submission of Industry Guidance Related to Emergency Procedure Guidelines and Severe Accident Guidelines, Bahadur to Pietrangelo, Dated November 26, 2013

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. Bahadur:

The subject letter made a request that the following documents be provided to the NRC staff by January 2, 2014.

- Revision 3 of the Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) Owners Group EPG/SAG guidance documents
- Revision 3 of the Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Owners Group EPG/SAG guidance documents
- The Emergency Response Steering Committee's white paper

For the reasons presented below, the industry will be unable to meet this request.

Due to the schedule of work activities, and the proprietary nature of the involved materials, the BWR and PWR owners groups are not in a position to provide the requested EPG/SAG documents by January 2, 2014. As an alternative to submitting these documents, both owners groups are offering to conduct a 1-2 day workshop, facilitated by industry technical experts, during which the NRC staff would be presented with the information needed for regulatory activities. A workshop in the March – April, 2014, timeframe is suggested. If you find this approach agreeable, we request that specific questions or topics be provided in advance so that the content of the workshop can be structured to meet the information needs of the staff. The questions and topics should be forwarded to NEI.

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With respect to the white paper, NEI is developing two guidance documents to address the topics discussed in the proposed rule for Onsite Emergency Response Capabilities. These are NEI 13-06, *Enhancements to Emergency Response Capabilities for Beyond Design-Basis Accidents and Events*, and NEI 14-01, *Development of Mitigation and Management Guidelines for Severe Accidents and Extreme Events*. The two documents should be finalized by mid-February, 2014. It is our intention to submit them to the staff by the end of February, 2014, for review and endorsement. Prior to this planned submittal, the industry could support a public meeting to discuss the status and proposed content of both documents.

We hope you will consider these proposals and look forward to your response.

Feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Perkins-Grew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" being more prominent.

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