

December 9, 2014

Mr. Barry C. Westreich
Director, Cyber Security Directorate
Nuclear Security and Incident Response
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Endorsement of NEI 13-10, "Cyber Security Control Assessments," Revision 2, Dated December 2014

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. Westreich:

By letter dated September 30, 2014, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)¹ submitted, on behalf of the nuclear energy industry, NEI 13-10, "Cyber Security Control Assessments," Revision 1, dated September 2014, for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and endorsement (NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14279A221). Subsequently, by letter dated October 8, 2014, the NRC informed NEI that NEI 13-10, Revision 1, is acceptable for use by licensees (ADAMS Accession No. ML14276A110).

In order to streamline and support the sharing of cyber security control assessments for direct CDAs, the industry developed an assessment for simple devices. The guidance includes a class description and a corresponding cyber security control assessment table for the class. The class description enumerates generic properties of a digital device relevant to addressing technical cyber security controls for devices having those properties. The class description also includes examples of digital devices in that class. The cyber security control assessment table addresses technical cyber security controls for the class consistent with licensee Cyber Security Plans. The guidance includes instructions on how licensees can use this assessment at their facilities. The new guidance is incorporated into Section 6, "Cyber Security Control

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Assessments of Direct CDAs," and as a new Appendix D. Minor changes were made to the body of the document to reference the new Section 6 and Appendix D. The revised document is designated NEI 13-10, "Cyber Security Control Assessments," Revision 2, dated December 2014.

NEI requests NRC review and endorse the attached copy of NEI 13-10, Revision 2, dated December 2014, by December 31, 2014. If any revisions to this document are desired, please include suggested wording and the technical data to support the proposed change.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact William Gross at (202) 739-8123; wrg@nei.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Earls", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher E. Earls

Attachment

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