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Mr. James W. Andersen  
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Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

**Subject:** Endorsement of NEI 15-09, *Cyber Security Event Notifications*, Revision 0, Dated February 2016

**Project Number: 689**

Dear Mr. Andersen:

On November 2, 2015, the NRC issued cyber security event notification requirements [*80 Federal Register 67264*]. These requirements are codified in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 73, Section 73.77. The cyber security requirements in 10 CFR 73.54 were also amended to require reporting in accordance with 10 CFR 73.77.

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)<sup>1</sup> developed, on behalf of the nuclear energy industry, NEI 15-09, *Cyber Security Event Notifications*, Revision 0, dated February 2016. NEI 15-09 was developed to support consistent implementation of the new reporting requirements and to streamline the process for making reportability determinations. Additionally, the guidance minimizes unnecessary reporting of events that do not rise to the level of an actual or potential cyber attack, while at the same time supporting NRC's stated objective to inform the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and federal intelligence and law enforcement agencies of cyber security-related events that could (1) endanger public health and safety or the common defense and security, (2) provide information for threat assessment processes, or (3) generate public or media inquiries.

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<sup>1</sup> The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) is the organization responsible for establishing unified industry policy on matters affecting the nuclear energy industry, including the regulatory aspects of generic operational and technical issues. NEI's members include all entities licensed to operate commercial nuclear power plants in the United States, nuclear plant designers, major architect/engineering firms, fuel cycle facilities, nuclear materials licensees, and other organizations and entities involved in the nuclear energy industry.

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NEI requests that the NRC review and endorse NEI 15-09, Revision 0, dated February 2016, by May 2, 2016. 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 (202-739-8123; [wrg@nei.org](mailto:wrg@nei.org)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Earls", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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