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Ms. Maureen Wylie
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Subject: Fee Exemption Request for Review and Endorsement of NEI 16-05 Rev 0, "External Flooding Assessment Guidelines"

Project Number: 689

References:

1. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident, March 12, 2012, ADAMS Accession No. ML12053A340.

Dear Ms. Wylie:

On April 21, 2016, NEI submitted Revision 0 of guidance document NEI 16-05, "External Flooding Assessment Guidelines" for NRC review and endorsement. This submittal supports NRC's 50.54(f) request letter (Reference 1) by providing guidance on the completion of flooding hazard focused evaluations and integrated assessments. NEI understands that the NRC endorsement of this revision to NEI 16-05 would be through an issuance of interim staff guidance (ISG).

NEI requests that the NRC's review of NEI 16-05 and any future submissions of the guidance document be granted a fee waiver pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 170.11. The report meets the exemption requirement in 10 CFR 170.11(a)(1)(iii) in that it is "a means of exchanging information between industry organizations and the NRC...for the specific purpose of supporting ongoing NRC generic regulatory improvements or efforts." In this case, the revision of this guidance supports increased regulatory efficiency of agency efforts as it provides a consistent industry approach for on the completion of flooding hazard focused evaluations and integrated assessments per NRC's 50.54(f) request letter (Reference 1).

Please contact me should you have any questions at 202-739-8058 or txz@nei.org.

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Sincerely,

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

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