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NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT, NEI 16-02,  
"LICENSING BASIS OF VITAL EQUIPMENT AND VITAL AREAS," REVISION 0,  
DATED APRIL 2016

Dear Mr. Kline:

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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has initiated a review of the NEI guidance document to determine if the document contains sufficient information to justify the expenditure of resources for a detailed evaluation. Upon the completion of our review, we will provide you with a response to either request additional information or notify you of the results of our review.

If you have any questions, please contact Alison L. Rivera, at 301-287-3750, or via e-mail at [alison.rivera@nrc.gov](mailto:alison.rivera@nrc.gov).

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