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**Subject:** Request for Extension of Public Comment Period on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1327, "Pressurized Water Reactor Control Rod Ejection and Boiling Water Reactor Control Rod Drop Accidents" (Federal Register 81FR83288, dated November 21, 2016, Docket ID NRC-2016-0233)

**Project Number: 689**

Dear Ms. Bladey:

On November 21, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published in the *Federal Register* (81FR83288) a notice soliciting comments on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1327, "Pressurized Water Reactor Control Rod Ejection and Boiling Water Reactor Control Rod Drop Accidents". As stated in the notice, comments are due to the NRC by February 21, 2016. On behalf of the nuclear industry, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)<sup>1</sup> requests a 60 day extension to the public comment period, until April 21, 2017.

The additional time is needed because input is needed from multiple stakeholders including licensees, vendors, EPRI, and both the BWR and PWR Owners Groups. Industry meetings have been established between these stakeholder groups in February through the EPRI Fuel Reliability Program Regulatory Issues Technical Advisory Committee. Additionally, an extension is needed in order to perform a comprehensive review of the information in the draft regulatory guide during these meetings, obtain thorough review, feedback and analysis from industry experts, and develop consolidated comments for submittal.

In support of our efforts to manage our comment activities, we respectfully request a response to this extension request by January 24, 2017

<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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Sincerely,

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