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Mr. George A. Wilson, Jr.
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Endorsement of NEI 17-01, Industry Guidance for Implementing the Requirements of 10 CFR Part 54 for Subsequent License Renewal, Revision 0

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. Wilson:

NEI¹ 17-01 Industry Guidance for Implementing the Requirements of 10 CFR Part 54 for Subsequent License Renewal was developed to provide an acceptable approach for implementing the requirements of 10 CFR Part 54, the License Renewal Rule, for Subsequent License Renewal (SLR). The process outlined in this guideline is founded on industry experience in implementing the Rule for initial license renewal and on the lessons learned from that industry experience that can be applied to SLR. It is expected that following this guideline will offer a stable and efficient process, resulting in the issuance of a renewed license. However, applicants may elect to use other suitable methods or approaches for satisfying the Rule's requirements and completing a Subsequent License Renewal Application (SLRA).

In March of this year, NEI 17-01 was submitted to the NRC staff for review and consideration of endorsement. On August 24, industry participated in a public meeting with the NRC to discuss the staff's comments. Following this public meeting, industry determined that the staff's comments serve to enhance the quality of the technical guidance contained within the document and worked to disposition and incorporate the staff's feedback. On November 14, NRC and industry participated in a public meeting to discuss comment disposition of NEI 17-01 and reached complete alignment on the technical guidance in NEI 17-01.

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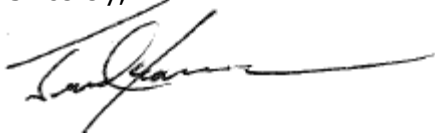
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On behalf of the industry, NEI appreciates the positive interaction and engagement that has occurred between industry and the NRC staff to finalize this industry guidance that is so important to the success of SLR, and requests that the NRC review and endorse NEI 17-01, Revision 0, dated December 2017, by January 31, 2018.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerud E. Hanson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerud E. Hanson

Attachment

c: Mr. Joseph E. Donoghue, NRR/DMLR
Mr. Eric R. Oesterle, NRR/DMLR/MRPB