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Comments on Draft Letter to the Nuclear Energy Institute Regarding the Clarification of
Regulatory Paths for Lead Test Assemblies (Docket ID NRC-2018-0109)

By Federal Register (FR) notice dated June 7, 2018 (83FR26503), the NRC requested comments on a draft letter to the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) clarifying the regulatory paths for the use of lead test assemblies. The comment period was set to close on June 27, 2018. By FR notice dated July 2, 2018 (83FR30989), the NRC extended the comment period to July 23, 2018.

By letter dated June 27, 2018, NEI submitted comments on the draft letter. These comments were developed by, and submitted on behalf of, the nuclear power industry. Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, doing business as Xcel Energy, operator of the Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants, endorses the comments made by NEI dated June 27, 2018.

If additional information is required, please contact Mr. Hank Hoelscher, Manager, Nuclear Analysis and Design, at (612) 330-6831.

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