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SUBJECT: Proposed Generic Communication; Degradation of Steam
Generator Internals - (61 Fed. Reg. 69116 -- December 31, 1996)
Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment - (Project No.
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Nuclear Energy Institute, on behalf of industry, will review the proposed generic communication and provide comments to the NRC. **The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of the comment period expiration date from January 30, 1997, to March 15, 1997.** The extension will permit sufficient time to reach consensus on a coordinated industry response. As you know, the issues involve the four different steam generator vendors each with multiple design features. In working with each vendor and their customers, it became apparent that more time is needed to develop an industry-wide program that will be responsive to the concerns related to degradation of steam generator internals.

Please notify us of your decision.

If you have questions, please contact Clive Callaway at (202) 739-8114.

Sincerely,

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