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Subject: Submittal of Response to Request for Additional Information (RAI) for NEI 14-05A, Revision 1, "Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation in Lieu of Commercial Grade Surveys for Procurement of Laboratory Calibration and Test Services"

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Dear Ms. Fields:

On July 6, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a second round of Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) in order to continue portions of its review of NEI 14-05A, "Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation in Lieu of Commercial Grade Surveys for Procurement of Laboratory Calibration and Test Services," Revision 1. This revised guidance provides an approach to utilize accreditation by signatories to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) as part of a purchaser's commercial grade dedication of laboratory services.

On behalf of the nuclear energy industry, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) submits the attached responses to the NRC's RAIs and a mark-up of NEI 14-05A Revision 1 that reflect updates in response to the RAI's. We believe that these responses will allow the NRC to complete its review and endorse the revised guidance as an acceptable method for continuing the use of accreditation by ILAC MRA signatories in lieu of commercial grade surveys. All changes are described in the attached response.

We appreciate the NRC's consideration of the guidance and look forward to a timely endorsement. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

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