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Subject: Comments on Best Practices to Establish and Maintain a Safety Conscious Work Environment

Reference: Federal Register Notice, "Best Practices to Establish and Maintain a Safety Conscious Work Environment; Request for Comments and Announcement of Public Meeting," dated February 12, 2004

In response to the request for comments in the referenced Federal Register notice, Exelon Generation Company, LLC (EGC) and AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen) are providing comments on the NRC's draft document, "Best Practices to Establish and Maintain a Safety Conscious Work Environment."

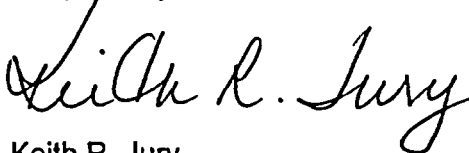
EGC and AmerGen are committed to fostering a safety conscious work environment. In our view, ample industry guidance on maintaining a safety conscious work environment currently exists and development of a separate best practices document by the NRC is not necessary. We consider the compilation of practices used by the industry to enhance work environments to be an industry function and not a regulatory responsibility.

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) will be posting the industry's guidance document NEI 97-05, "Nuclear Power Plant Personnel – Employee Concerns Program – Process Tools In A Safety Conscious Work Environment," on the NEI public web site. EGC and AmerGen consider this will achieve the NRC's interest in ensuring all licensees have access to information that can help licensees develop and maintain a safety conscious work environment.

EGC and AmerGen endorse the comments submitted by the NEI on this subject, dated March 19, 2004.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, contact Kenneth A. Ainger at 630 657-2800.

Respectfully,



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