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SUMMARY OF FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH INDUSTRY GROUPS AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ON THE EFFORTS TO PRESERVE DECOMMISSIONING LESSONS LEARNED

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Participants:

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC): Rafael L. Rodriguez, Andrew Persinko, Amir Kouhestani, Derek Widmayer, Richard Weller

Fuel Cycle Facilities Forum (FCFF): John Conant

Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI): Karen Kim, Michael Naughton, Michael Laufer

Department of Energy (DOE): Charles Nalezny

Mr. Rodriguez began the meeting discussing the topics covered in the previous meeting, including: (i) the updates to the decommissioning lessons learned, (ii) incorporation of decommissioning lessons learned in future regulatory documents, and (iii) EPRI's assistance to provide compact discs (CDs) with information on lessons learned. Mr. Rodriguez then discussed the changes to the decommissioning lessons learned webpage, which included adding new documents to the bibliography and replacing the existing content with a database that will allow the user to search the lessons-learned information based on pre-specified criteria. Members of the audience were receptive to this idea. Mr. Rodriguez asked EPRI whether they had any plans to develop a lessons-learned webpage, similar to NRC's. Ms. Kim stated that EPRI produces CDs with information about decommissioning lessons learned and reports that expand on such lessons. EPRI has no plans to develop a lessons-learned website. Mr. Conant then suggested to consult with the Nuclear Energy Institute to see if they would address this website issue.

Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that DOE has a lessons-learned database system, which is available to members of the public. This system can be accessed through the Internet, and the weblink will be added to the NRC's lessons learned database.

Ms. Kim elaborated on the development of CDs containing information from the participating organizations in the working group. The CDs would contain electronic files (such as presentations), documents and reports, and even weblinks. EPRI will collect information on lessons learned from the participating organizations, and will need at least 3 months to develop the final product. These CDs would be available to non-EPRI members free of charge.

Mr. Conant discussed the fact that the information should be retrieved easily. Mr. Rodriguez explained that the information on the NRC's proposed lessons learned database will be arranged using high-level categories, which will make them easy to retrieve. In addition, information on the CDs should be easily retrieved by members of the public.

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Mr. Weller wondered what was the final goal of the capturing and preserving lessons learned. Mr Rodriguez explained that, in addition to preserving the decommissioning lessons learned, the Agency is incorporating them into regulatory products. Mr. Persinko explained that the high-level categorization for the lessons learned is useful to members of the public, so they can know when the lessons should be addressed during the life of a nuclear facility, the type of facility where the lesson is applicable, etc. Finally, Mr. Rodriguez stated that EPRI will need to establish a deadline for providing input to complete the product by the end of the fiscal year.

Summary of Actions:

-Mr. Rodriguez and Mrs. Kim will coordinate the development of the CDs, with contributions from the different organizations. The final product should be finalized by the end of the fiscal year.

-Mr. Nalezny will gather more information from several DOE staff members about the different DOE lessons learned systems.