Perspectives on Fukushima Lessons Learned Activities

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Pluses (abridged list)

- Very good transparency
- Japan Lessons Learned
 Project Directorate (JLD)
- Identified target dates
- Clear justification for revised target dates

Not Pluses (also abridged)

- Recommendation 1
- Japan Lessons Learned
 Project Directorate (JLD)
- External hazards
- Spent fuel pool makeup
- Staffing levels

Recommendation 1

- 11/30/2012: Interim guidance for assessing flooding hazards
- 01/04/2013: Draft interim guidance for tsunami, surge, and seiche hazard assessments
- NRC staff must deal with Recommendation 1 issues for every other recommendation

JLD

 Creation of JLD allows its staff to focus on lessons learned activities and allows non-JLD staff to retain focus on other safety and security issues
 But does JLD also create the

potential for silo or tunnel vision?

JLD (continued)

- RIC Session TH35 Beyond
 Sirens and Radios: Advances in
 Public Alert and Notification
 Systems on a recent rule change
- RIC Session T11 Promoting Success for Emergency Preparedness Guidance on pending revisions to NUREG-0654/FEM A-REP-1

External Hazards

• 12/10/2012: UCS letter to NRC regarding "Fair weather verification against protection against foul weather"

•Plant X near Oconee, SC has a flood wall around its standby shutdown facility and exercises procedures to verify manual actions can be taken in time.

Spent Fuel Pool Makeup

B.5.b and Recommendation
 7.2 require means to add water
 to the spent fuel pool

 In boiling water reactors with Mark I and II containments, this introduces an internal flooding hazard that is not being properly considered

Staffing Levels

- Staffing assessments for Recommendation 4.2 suggest that radiation protection and chemistry technician slots are understaffed
- Emergency exercises may not confirm adequate staffing since they do not drill down to this level