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MEMORANDUM TO: John P. Segala, Chief

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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on 12/22/20

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SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 1, 2020, ADVANCED REACTOR SUBJECT:

STAKEHOLDER PUBLIC MEETING

On October 1, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a Category 2 public meeting with industry stakeholders, including the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the U.S. Nuclear Industry Council (USNIC), to discuss ongoing initiatives related to the development and licensing of non-light-water reactors (non-LWRs or advanced reactors). The staff has posted the meeting notice in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at Accession No. ML20274A091 and the presentation slides at Accession No. ML20274A057. Enclosure 1 lists the meeting attendees who participated remotely.

The NRC staff provided an overview of the Advanced Reactor Integrated Schedule of Activities on the NRC's public website at https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/newreactors/advanced/details.html#advSumISRA. The staff specifically noted the activities that have recently been completed or that have been added since the August 20, 2020, periodic advanced reactors stakeholder meeting.

The NRC staff provided an overview of its recent draft white paper, NRC Staff Draft White Paper Analysis of Applicability of NRC Regulations for Non-LWRs (ADAMS Accession No. ML20241A017), which provides staff position on the presumed applicability of various regulations to non-LWR applicants under either Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50 or 10 CFR Part 52. The staff discussed expected exemptions from regulations identified by the staff in specific areas applicable to non-LWR designs and discussed that the staff anticipates non-LWR applicants will request exemptions, but this should not be negatively perceived. The staff noted that in its analysis, the regulations were evaluated generically and if

Enclosure: List of Attendees

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it was not possible to preclude all non-LWR designs from the regulation, it was denoted as applicable. Stakeholders noted that the draft white paper is helpful and that they appreciate the staff for being proactive on this issue. Stakeholders provided comments and questions about if the draft white paper is applicable to applicants implementing the Licensing Modernization Project (LMP) described in NEI 18-04, endorsed by Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.233, "Guidance for Technology-Inclusive, Risk-Informed, and Performance-Based Approach to Inform the Licensing Basis and Content of Applications for Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Non-Light-Water Reactors," dated June 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20091L698). The staff discussed that guidance does not supersede a rule and that exemptions would still be required, but streamlined to provide an efficient avenue to reduce unnecessary burden. NEI noted that they would provide their comments in writing, and the staff and stakeholders agreed that further engagement on this topic would be beneficial.

The NRC staff provided an update on the staff's development of an advanced reactor Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), including the direction from the Commission in SRM-SECY-20-0020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20265A112) to codify the results of the GEIS. The staff provided a summary of the Scoping Summary Report (ADAMS Accession No. ML20260H180) and that the staff is currently drafting sections of the GEIS. The staff noted that the goal is to develop an effective GEIS to disposition generically as many issues as practicable and that the staff is evaluating the schedule impacts of rulemaking. Stakeholders provided comments in support of the GEIS and asked questions about the schedule for rulemaking. The staff discussed that they are currently developing the schedule and that the rulemaking process is a standard process that needs to be followed. The rulemaking package will include the GEIS, and other guidance documents will be updated with the rulemaking process.

The NRC staff provided an overview of its recent draft white paper, NRC Staff White Paper - Fuel Qualification for Advanced Reactors (Draft) (ADAMS Accession No. ML20191A259). The staff briefly discussed the background and engagement with stakeholders at the May 7, 2020, periodic advanced reactor stakeholder meeting and recent activities affecting fuel qualification guidance. The staff discussed the fuel qualification framework provided in the draft white paper and that the top level goal of "fuel is qualified" is broken down into lower level objective goals that can be satisfied with direct evidence. The staff described how stakeholder feedback from the May 7, 2020, meeting was incorporated into the draft white paper and that the staff plans to convert the draft white paper into a formal regulatory document that will include a formal public comment period.

Staff from Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) provided an overview of their report, "Assessment of the [MELCOR Accident Consequence Code System] MACCS Code Applicability for Nearfield Consequence Analysis," (ADAMS Accession No. ML20059M032) to determine whether MACCS can be used in the nearfield and how MACCS be used to generate results that are bounding of other codes intended for nearfield analysis. SNL staff discussed the objectives of the assessment to compare the results from several candidate codes assumed to be adequate in the nearfield to the results from MACCS to assess the adequacy of MACCS for assessing exposures in the nearfield and how MACCS can be used to generate bounding results. SNL staff summarized that MACCS can be used at distances significantly shorter than 500 m downwind (50 –200 m) from a containment or reactor building; however, the MACCS user needs to select the MACCS input parameters appropriately to generate results that are adequately conservative for a specific application. SNL staff also concluded that a conservative nearfield result may be obtained using certain MACCS parameter choices.

The NRC staff provided an overview of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) report, "Proposed Guidance for Preparing and Reviewing a Molten Salt Non-Power Reactor Application" (ADAMS Accession No. ML20219A771), which was developed in response to the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA) as the NRC staff identified an opportunity to enhance its readiness to license non-power reactors that will use molten salt reactor (MSR) technology. The staff noted that they plan to endorse the report for use by potential non-power MSR applicants by January 2021 and that subsequently, the report will likely be incorporated in the next revision of NUREG-1537, "Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Applications for the Licensing of Non-Power Reactors."

The meeting ended with an open discussion. The NRC requested feedback about how these meetings can be more engaging and how to increase participation by prospective applicants. The next periodic advanced reactors stakeholder meeting was scheduled for November 5, 2020.

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PUBLIC MEETING U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION Thursday, October 1, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

List of Attendees* (on phone) Blank Fields = Indecipherable Information Organization Name U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Amy Cubbage NRC John Segala Jordan Hoellman NRC Hanh Phan NRC Bill Reckley NRC NRC Tim Drzewiecki Jason Schaperow NRC NRC Eric Oesterle NRC Ben Beaslev NRC Martin Stutzke Juan Uribe NRC Tim Lupold NRC Adrian Muniz NRC Mo Shams NRC NRC John Tappert Donna Williams NRC Peyton Doub NRC Robert Weisman NRC Marcia Carpentier NRC NRC Salman Haq Shakur Walker NRC Dan Barnhurst NRC Samuel Cuadrado de Jesus NRC James Rubenstone NRC Pete Lee NRC Steven Vitto NRC Patricia Vokoun NRC Robert Taylor NRC lan Jung NRC David Desaulniers NRC Jessie Quichocho NRC Richard Rivera NRC Russell Felts NRC NRC Dayna Dority

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^{*} Attendance list based on Microsoft Teams Participant list. List does not include 47 individuals that connected via phone.