

March 29, 2000

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SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2000, PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE
NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI) ON A REVISED SCHEDULE
FOR THE REMAINING PUBLIC MEETINGS REGARDING RISK
INFORMING 10 CFR PART 73 AND DISCUSSION OF
IMPLEMENTATION DATES FOR INDUSTRY'S SELF-ASSESSMENT
PROGRAM

On March 9, 2000, NRC staff held a public meeting with representatives from NEI, industry, and the public. The purposes of this meeting were to schedule further public meetings on the subject and to discuss NRC review and industry acceptance of industry's Self-Assessment Program (SAP) to evaluate the effectiveness of Contingency Response Plans.

NRC staff briefed the participants on the rule making approach being recommended to the Commission and bulleted significant issues for discussion. NEI reviewed the topics and commented on the salient points. NRC staff discussed NRC review and approval status of the SAP to facilitate NEI's intention to obtain industry acceptance of the SAP prior to May 31, 2000.

A breakout session ensued with NRC staff and stakeholders regarding 10 CFR 50.90. In particular, NEI proposed regulatory relief for the "high ticket" items listed in Attachment 1.

The information above and the information in Attachment 1 document discussions between NRC staff, NEI representatives, and the public, is not intended as a verbatim record. Attachment 2 lists the attendees of the March 9, 2000, public meeting.

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