

May 31, 2000

ORGANIZATION: Nuclear Energy Institute

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY  
INSTITUTE (NEI) AND PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING  
POWER REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING ISSUES

On May 9, 2000, the NRC staff met with representatives of the NEI and public stakeholders to discuss power reactor decommissioning issues. The meeting agenda is provided in Enclosure 1. A list of attendees is provided in Enclosure 2.

NEI began the meeting by discussing the intent of its letter to the NRC, dated April 3, 2000. In the letter, NEI requested NRC combine two ongoing initiatives associated with power reactor decommissioning rulemaking: (1) the integrated rulemaking effort associated with emergency preparedness, insurance, safeguards, operator training and staffing, and backfit, and (2) the regulatory improvement initiative of identifying and modifying all regulations applicable to decommissioning, as required. NEI and the NRC staff discussed the urgency, impacts, and benefits of the proposed effort. The NRC staff stated that the current integrated rulemaking effort could be completed in approximately 24 months; however, completing the combined effort in 24 months may not be plausible since some of the regulations that require modification are complex issues and could result in policy changes. The NRC staff and NEI discussed the options of completing the current integrated rulemaking in approximately 24 months vice completing the NEI proposed combined effort in a longer period of time.

Next, NEI stated it was preparing a white paper for submittal to the NRC shortly. In the white paper, NEI would make recommendations as to how NRC should proceed with the regulatory improvement initiative as proposed in the NEI letter to the NRC dated April 3, 2000. The white paper was submitted to the NRC on May 16, 2000.

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NRC concluded the meeting with comments and questions from members of the public. During these discussions, the NRC staff noted that the final publication of the NRC's decommissioning spent fuel pool risk study may be delayed for several months. Therefore, the NRC staff stated that comments on the study received within one month of this meeting will be considered before the final report is published. Comments received after that date will be considered if practical to do so.

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FORTHCOMING MEETING  
WITH NRC, NEI, AND PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS  
TO DISCUSS STAFF'S ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED  
WITH POWER REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING RULEMAKING

May 9, 2000

Room O-9B4, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Discuss industry recommendations described in NEI's letter of April 3, 2000, related to NRC's regulatory improvement initiative.
2. Discuss industry recommendations on rulemaking activities based on the decommissioning spent fuel pool accident risk study.
3. Comments and questions from public stakeholders associated with the above two agenda items.

## DECOMMISSIONING PUBLIC MEETING

May 9, 2000

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