

May 31, 2000

Ralph Beedle  
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Dear Mr. Beedle:

The Commission is pleased that you have agreed to participate in a Commission meeting on Risk-Informed Part 50, Options 3, scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2000, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Commission's Conference Room on the first floor of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. I have enclosed a copy of the meeting agenda for your information (enclosure 1).

In response to the Commission's direction, the staff has submitted its first status report on the staff's effort to risk-inform the technical requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, SECY-00-0086, "Status Report on Risk-informing the Technical Requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 (Option 3)", (enclosure 2). The Commission would appreciate your views on SECY-00-0086. Specifically, you are invited to comment on (1) the draft regulatory framework as described in the paper, (2) the Part 50 regulations and appendices proposed as potential candidates, and (3) any other candidates or areas where technical and regulatory requirements should be considered in the context of risk-informing Part 50. The Commission would appreciate your views on the overall approach taken by the staff and suggestions for improvements. You should also be prepared to discuss your views and comment on overall stakeholder involvement in this complex task.

Please send 20 copies of your written material to Mr. William Hill in the Office of the Secretary, by June 13, 2000, including any text of your remarks and any viewgraphs, visual aids, or other printed materials which you plan to use or distribute to the Commissioners or public at the meeting. Power Point or any other electronic presentation format is also acceptable. You may fax your material to Mr. Hill at (301) 415-1672 or send an electronic version to [wmmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmmh@nrc.gov). You should also plan to bring 100 copies of your material to the meeting for members of the public. If you are unable to provide these copies, please advise Mr. Hill.

Your presentation should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 10 minutes or less, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commissioner's attention. The Commission prefers that you do not read your remarks verbatim. Although the briefing has been scheduled for two hours, the Commission is requesting that speakers keep their presentations within the time guidelines so that the Commission can ask questions of all the

participants. If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Hill directly by telephone at 301-415-1661.

The Commission conference room is equipped with a television graphics system for viewing visuals. I am enclosing guidelines for preparing your briefing visuals, if you plan to use them, to ensure that they will be compatible with this system (enclosure 3). If you intend to use viewgraphs, please notify Mr. Hill as soon as possible.

The NRC Headquarters office is located adjacent to the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. The trip from Metro Center takes about 40 minutes. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is also available. Please check with the security staff at the entrance to the garage, which is at the rear of the building, when you arrive. If you plan to use reserved parking, please notify Mr. Hill in advance.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

Annette L. Vietti-Cook

Enclosures:

- (1) Agenda
- (2) SECY-00-0086, "Status Report on Risk-informing the Technical Requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 (Option 3)"
- (3) Visual Guidelines

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SCHEDULING NOTES

Title: Briefing on Risk-Informed Part 50, Options 3

Scheduled: 1:30 p.m. - Tuesday, June 20, 2000 (PUBLIC)

Duration: Approx. 2 hours

Participants: Presentation

**Panel 1**

NRC 30 mins.\*

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- NRR

**Panel 2**

- Ralph Beedle 10 mins.\*  
Senior Vice President &  
Chief Nuclear Officer  
Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)
- James Riccio 10 mins.\*  
Public Citizen's Critical Mass  
Energy Project

Documents: - Briefing packages due 6/13/2000

\* For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's.