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SUBJECT: MID-ATLANTIC UTILITIES LICENSING WORKSHOP MEETING SUMMARY,  
MAY 2-3, 2000 (TAC NO. MA8003)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and PECO Energy Company jointly sponsored a licensing workshop on May 2-3, 2000, at the Valley Forge Hilton in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Attendees included staff of Mid-Atlantic member utilities, the NRC, and a representative from the State of New Jersey. The goals of the workshop included improving the quality of licensing applications and related NRC Safety Evaluations, and improving communications and interrelationships between licensees and the NRC.

Major topics of discussion included an overview of Revision 3 to Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Office Letter No. 803 for processing licensing actions, an overview of the requirements for requesting American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code reliefs and alternatives, electronic communications considerations, Nuclear Energy Institute's Licensing Action Task Force initiatives, and breakout discussions on quality products, management expectations, and effective working relationships. A copy of the workshop book is included as Enclosure 1 to this meeting summary. The workshop book contains the agenda, presentation slides, a list of attendees, and comments reported during the breakout sessions. Enclosure 2 contains an analysis of the feedback forms submitted at the end of the workshop.

Please direct any inquiries concerning the Mid-Atlantic Utilities/NRC Licensing Workshop to Timothy G. Colburn, Senior Project Manager. He may be reached at 301-415-1402 or [tgc@nrc.gov](mailto:tgc@nrc.gov).

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## **MID-ATLANTIC UTILITIES/NRC**

### **LICENSING WORKSHOP**

#### **FEEDBACK FORMS ANALYSIS**

A total of 40 participants took part in the workshop over the 2-day period. Feedback forms were included in the workshop book and all attendees were requested to complete the forms in an effort to improve future workshops. A total of 30 feedback forms were received. An analysis of the feedback forms follows:

Attendees were requested to provide an overall rating of the workshop in the quality of workshop materials and the effectiveness of the presenters/facilitators. Ratings were based on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the most favorable rating and these numerical values were divided into five categories of ratings: "excellent," "very good," "good," "fair," and "unsatisfactory," each with an equal 2-digit spread in numerical ratings.

The following are general trends or highlights:

1. The average overall rating for the workshop was approximately 8 which fell into the very good category.
2. The average rating for workshop materials was approximately 8 (very good).
3. The average rating for presenters/facilitators was approximately 8 (very good).
4. About 3/4 of the attendees who submitted feedback forms stated that their knowledge and skill level of the subject matter increased as a result of the workshop.
5. Most of the attendees who submitted feedback forms said they would use what they learned at the workshop a great deal.
6. Typical responses to the question, "What did you particularly like about the workshop?" included:
  - a. Candid, open, and courteous discussions
  - b. Lack of negativity
  - c. Informal atmosphere
  - d. Gaining appreciation for the Project Manage (PM)/licensee workload and concerns about various issues.

- e. Effectiveness of breakout sessions
  - f. The chance to personally interact with the PMs and licensee representatives.
7. Typical responses to the question, "What were the workshop strengths?" included:
- a. Breakout sessions were appropriately small-sized and worked well to encourage dialogue. Overall workshop size was just right.
  - b. Broad, diverse attendance including both NRC PMs and managers and a good mix of utility representatives.
  - c. Open, honest, free-flowing dialogue.
  - d. Face-to-face interaction with diverse groups, counterpart information exchange.
  - e. Breakout session feedback information was available to attendees upon closing of workshop.
  - f. Materials, planning, and logistical support. Appropriate subject matter.
  - g. Communication and working relationships were enhanced.
8. Typical responses to the question, "What were the workshop's weaknesses?" included:
- a. Much discussion with no action plan and no accountability for closure.
  - b. Some redundancy of topics.
  - c. Too much focus on breakout sessions and not enough on presentations.
  - d. Brevity of lunch and break times.
  - e. Limited participation by other stakeholders (i.e. public).
  - f. Assigned times for topics were sometimes exceeded.
  - g. Some (NRC) processes are in states of flux and did not allow resolution and closure on some issues.
  - h. Not enough time allotted to some topics and to the workshop as a whole.
  - i. Many indicated that there were no major weaknesses.
9. Typical responses to the question, "Do any parts of the workshop need improvement?" included:
- a. Breakout facilitators need to keep the groups better focused on the topics. They should also provide examples and coaching to help draw out ideas.
  - b. Invite representatives from the Office of the General Counsel, and more technical staff from both the NRC and industry. An NRC licensing assistant should attend.
  - c. Develop a better tracking system for action items from the breakout sessions.

- d. Minimize redundancy of topic areas.
  - e. Workshops should be shorter (1-day) NRC headquarters functions.
  - f. Future workshops should focus on new policies, regulations, etc. which affect stakeholders.
  - g. Provide copies of NRR Office Letter 803.
  - h. Improve time management of topics.
10. Some responses to the question, "How will you use what you've learned at the workshop?" included:
- a. During reviews and preparation of safety evaluations in accordance with 10 CFR 50.59, and during preparation of other submittals.
  - b. Having a better understanding of NRC perspectives on issues when interfacing with NRC counterparts.
  - c. Better support of licensing engineers.
  - d. Provide standardization and improvement in the quality of future submittals with a better understanding of required items in a submittal.
  - e. Allow for better explanation of NRC policies and process to station management when needed.
  - f. Better communications with NRC counterparts. Make interactions more efficient and effective.
  - g. Improve interaction with stakeholders.
11. The responses to the question, "At what frequency do you think these workshops should be held?", ranged from 6 months to 24-36 months. Most responses indicated that the frequency should be annually, closely followed by every 2 years, every 18-24 months and every 1-2 years.

The overall tone of the feedback form responses was very positive, although there were a very small number of attendees that indicated they did not get much out of the workshop and did not see the benefit in having another workshop.

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