

July 14, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: See attached list

FROM: Samuel J. Collins, Director/**RA/RZimmerman for**
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: NEI FORUM ON RISK-INFORMED REGULATION

This is regarding your request to attend on official duty, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) forum on risk-informed regulation from July 18-19, 2000, at the Hilton Clearwater Beach Hotel, Florida. The individuals listed on the attached list have been invited to serve on a panel on one day of the conference (or to participate in question and answer sessions) and NEI has offered to waive the entire \$500 conference fee. The NRC will pay for all authorized travel and related expenses.

The NEI has informed us that there will be approximately 175 people attending this forum. Most of those in attendance will be power reactor management personnel in the areas of licensing, regulatory support, or engineering. There will also be representatives from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Nuclear Society, and consultants interested in risk-informed activities.

Because of your knowledge and involvement in risk-informed regulation and related topics to be discussed at the forum, your participation as a speaker, panelist, or in question and answer sessions would contribute to informing licensees and others interested about this issue. Your attendance at other sessions and interaction with those in attendance would be beneficial in carrying out your duties.

For these reasons, I approve your request to serve on a panel (or otherwise participate during question and answer sessions) at this forum and to attend the rest of the forum while on official duty. The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) has advised me that, because of your service as a panelist, the standards of conduct regulations permit you to accept the NEI's offer to waive a conference fee for the day you serve on the panel. Free attendance includes waiver of the fee to attend the forum for that day as well as food, refreshments, and materials provided to those in attendance.

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The OGC has also advised me that this forum can be considered a widely attended gathering under the standards of conduct regulations because this is a large event where diverse interests are present. Under those regulations and agency policy, I can authorize your acceptance of free attendance for the remaining day of the forum if I determine that your attendance is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. Because the NEI and its members have interests that may be substantially affected by your performance, I must also determine that the agency's interest in your attendance outweighs concerns that acceptance of the waiver of the conference fee may appear to improperly influence the performance of your official duties.

It is my determination, based on the information provided, that your attendance at the entire NEI forum is in the agency's interest and outweighs concerns of impropriety in your accepting the waiver of the conference fee. Therefore, I authorize your accepting the NEI's offer.

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(Note: The Office of Research is also sending Margaret Federline and Mary Drouin for panel discussions.