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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MAY 8, 2000, MEETING WITH NUCLEAR
ENERGY INSTITUTE DECOMMISSIONING WORKING GROUP

On May 8, 2000, representatives from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), and industry conducted a public meeting in Rockville, Maryland. A list of attendees is attached. The meeting was noticed on April 28, 2000. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues of interest to NEI and its Decommissioning Working Group.

Issues discussed at the meeting are briefly summarized below:

NEI Letter on Streamlining the Dry Cask Certificate of Compliance (CoC) Approval and Amendment Process

The NRC staff noted that the NEI letter on this subject dated April 18, 2000, was responsive to a previous NRC request for industry ideas about options for changing the CoC approval and amendment process. The staff also noted that it will keep NEI informed about how NRC will deal with this letter relative to considering it as a petition for rulemaking.

10 CFR 72.48 Activities

NEI provided information on the status of industry guidance development for the implementation of the new requirements of 10 CFR 72.48, which will be effective in April 2001. NEI stated that the guidance document, Appendix B to NEI-96-07, will be written as a stand-alone document to be submitted to NRC in draft form in June 2001 with a request for written NRC staff comments. The NRC staff acknowledged NEI's actions and noted that it will prepare a regulatory guide (RG) to endorse NEI's final guidance document. The RG will be published before the revised regulation goes into effect.

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