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ORGANIZATION: Nuclear Energy Institute

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

On July 19, 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.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss (1) the status of the integrated decommissioning rulemaking effort (SECY-00-145, "Integrated Rulemaking Plan for Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning" (ML003721626)), (2) NEI's recommended alternative as outlined in NEI letters dated April 3, 2000 (ML003702051), and May 17, 2000 (ML003718357), and (3) the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) report (ML003730203) which reviewed regulations to determine applicability to decommissioning.

NRC began the meeting by providing an overview of the status of the integrated rulemaking effort. The overview was a highlight of the proposed features of the five rules discussed in SECY-00-145 (emergency preparedness, insurance, safeguards, staffing and training, and backfit). The NRC staff stated that the rulemaking plan was based on findings contained in the "Draft Final Technical Study of Spent Fuel Pool Accident Risk at Decommissioning Plants," which is still a work-in-progress, and noted that changes to the technical study could affect the proposed rulemaking plan. NRC and NEI discussed aspects of each of the five rules. A significant discussion focused on the probability of seismic events and how the NRC applied that number in the rulemaking plan. NEI believed the staff used deterministic methods and did not sufficiently risk-inform the proposed rulemaking. The staff did not agree with this assumption and asked NEI if it thought another meeting related to seismic issues was warranted. NEI stated it would like another meeting. A copy of the NRC handout is provided in Enclosure 3.

Next, NEI provided a brief overview of its recommended alternative approach to improving decommissioning regulations as outlined in NEI letters dated April 3, 2000, and May 17, 2000. NEI stated that it did not particularly want a separate section of 10 CFR Part 50 for decommissioning regulations. They also stated that since the systems remaining during decommissioning were relatively simple, they preferred more prescriptive rules over performance-based rules (such as the maintenance rule). NEI also stated that it preferred one complete rulemaking effort because the NRC has a focused team and the industry has an established working group. NRC and NEI discussed various approaches to issuing new regulations, from doing a few at a time to combining all into one large effort.

NRC then discussed the recently issued BNL report on applicability of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* to decommissioning nuclear power plants. A copy of the handout used

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As stated above, additional meetings were requested and will be set up in the near term. One will discuss seismic issues addressed in the draft technical working group study and another will discuss the binning and ranking of regulations examined in the BNL report.



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July 19, 2000, Public Meeting

AGENDA

1. NRC summary of ongoing rulemaking activities
(Integrated rulemaking and regulatory improvement) Stu Richards, NRC
2. Public/industry comments and questions
3. Discussion of NEI recommendations on Regulatory Improvement Initiative NEI
4. NRC/public comments and questions
5. NRC summary of Brookhaven review of decommissioning regulations W. Huffman, NRC
6. Industry/public comments and questions on Brookhaven review

DECOMMISSIONING PUBLIC MEETING

July 19, 2000

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**Summary of BNL Report on
Applicability of Title 10 to
Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants**

JULY 19, 2000

PURPOSE:

To Provide an Overview of the Information in the BNL Report on Applicability of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations to Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants

SUMMARY:

- **No Surprises**
- **60 Regulatory Areas Indicated as Needing Clarification**
- **Most Clarifications Involve Adding or Precluding Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants from Scope**

DISCUSSION:

- **Report Does Not Provide Specific Recommendation on How to Fix Regulations**
- **Some Areas for Clarification Are Esoteric in Nature and Can Probably Be Ignored**
- **No Regulatory Gaps or Conflicts Revealed that Require Prompt Rulemaking Actions**
- **Areas that Appear to Have Difficult Regulatory Resolutions Include (Those not Addressed in Integrated Rulemaking)**
 - **Part 26 Applicability (Fitness-for-Duty)**
 - **50.34 Licensing Basis Information That Needs to Be Maintained for Decommissioning (Including Contents of FSAR)**
 - **50.36 Technical Specifications**
 - **50.54 License Conditions**
 - **50.59 Facility Change Process**
 - **50.72/50.73 Reporting Requirements**
 - **GDC (Appendix A) Applicability**
 - **Appendix B Quality Assurance Program**

CONCLUSIONS:

BNL Report is a Good Reference Document for Future NRC; Industry; Public Stakeholder Discussions on Decommissioning Regulatory Improvement

ACTIONS:

- **Obtain Informal Stakeholder Input on the Binning of Regulations**
- **Obtain Informal Stakeholder Input on Needed Regulatory Clarifications**
- **Obtain Industry Input on Recommended Staff Priority for Future Regulatory Improvements**

Risk Informed Decommissioning Rulemaking

- Stuart A. Richards
- Director, Project Directorate IV and Decommissioning
- Division of Licensing Project Management
- Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
- July 19, 2000

Decommissioning Rulemaking

- **SECY to Commission**
 - Proposed five rule modifications
 - Basis – technical working group study on spent fuel pool accident risk at decommissioning plants
- **Future Decommissioning Rulemaking Efforts**

Emergency Preparedness

- Proposing
 - Significant reductions if licensee implements industry and staff risk reduction methods
- Features
 - After 1 year of spent fuel decay:
 - Similar to monitored retrievable storage installation (10CFR72.32(b))
 - After 5 years or plant specific calculation:
 - Similar to independent spent fuel storage installation (10CFR72.32(a))
 - None after fuel and other hazards removed from site

Insurance

- Proposing

- Phased reductions after 5 years or plant specific calculation

- Features

- Onsite coverage

- Drops from \$1.06 billion to \$25 million after 5 years, to none when fuel removed from pool

- Offsite coverage

- Primary drops from \$200 million to \$100 million after 5 years, to \$25 million when fuel removed from pool
- Secondary rating pool participation not required after 5 years

Safeguards

- Proposing
 - Reductions using 10 CFR 73.55 as starting point
- Features
 - Critical elements of 73.55
 - physical barriers, armed personnel, vehicle control measures
 - Consistent with ISFSI regulations
 - When all fuel transferred to ISFSI, ISFSI regulations would apply
 - None when fuel transferred from site

Staffing and Training

- Proposing

- Appropriate levels of training and qualifications for operations and support staff

- Features

- Certified fuel handler program
- Codify appropriate staff levels and training levels

Backfit

- Proposing

- Dividing 10 CFR 50.109

- Features

- Decommissioning reactor part
 - Similar to current regulations, language that doesn't apply to decommissioning reactors removed/changed
 - Operating reactor part
 - Virtually unchanged

Future Decommissioning Rulemaking Efforts

- Entire decommissioning package into one large totally integrated rule
- Do the five and then do remaining rules
- Just do the five
- Stop all rulemaking

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