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Subject: Licensing Information Forum - Follow Up

Joe,

I offer the following proposed items as follow up to the two breakout sessions on CRGR/Backfits:

1. Consider updating NUREG-1409 to encourage feedback/communication to NRC Office Directors establish an expedited appeal process - current process too formal define terms - "voluntary," "compliance," others?
CRGR review NRC use of "industry initiatives" in the regulatory process should NRC proceed with establishing internal guidance.
2. Increase CRGR scope - recent changes to CRGR scope to review of inspection procedures. Recommendation that CRGR consider reviewing inspection results and findings.
3. Open CRGR meetings - consider one public meeting on a trial basis.
4. Status of RES (formerly AEOD) review of plant-specific backfits. This was due to be completed last year.
5. Role of Backfitting Rule in the risk-informed optional rulemakings -specifically safety enhancements and new regulatory positions; and what disciplined process should be established to ensure these "options" are justified in some manner to demonstrate a continuing focus on safety. At this point, such a process does not appear to exist since the backfitting rule may not apply because of the voluntary, optional nature of these proposed regulations.
6. NRC guidance on licensing actions having an impact on control room habitability - despite the NRC and industry efforts to develop a technical/regulatory solution, it appears new regulatory positions are being applied via the attached memorandum. [It did not appear that you or Brian were aware of this memorandum so I have attached a copy.]

That's what I have from my notes. Please call or e-mail if you have any questions or comments. And, I am available to meet with you to discuss these at your convenience.

By the way, we received positive feedback from the workshop attendees on these breakout sessions.

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