

November 22, 2000

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 25, 2000 PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE  
MAINTENANCE RULE INSPECTION CLEARINGHOUSE OF  
WINSTON & STRAWN ON MAINTENANCE RULE IMPLEMENTATION  
ISSUES.

On Wednesday, October 25, 2000, the Quality Assurance, Vendor Inspection, Maintenance and Allegations Branch (IQMB) of the Division of Inspection Program Management (DIPM) hosted a public meeting in One White Flint North, NRC Headquarters, Rockville, Maryland, with the Maintenance Rule Inspection Clearinghouse of Winston & Strawn (W&S). W&S requested the meeting to discuss the implementation of the new paragraph (a)(4) of the Maintenance Rule on assessing and managing the risk associated with maintenance. Former Commissioner James Curtiss and Mr. Donald Ferraro represented Winston & Strawn. Biff Bradley represented the Nuclear Energy Institute. Representatives from several utilities, NUS Information Services, Bechtel-SERCH and Licensing Support Services also attended. The list of the persons who attended the meeting is enclosed.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

Introductions	NRC
Overview of NRC's 10 CFR 50.56(a)(4) Oversight Rollout Plan	NRC
Overview of Survey Visits and Inspection Procedure Development and V&V Visits	NRC
Remarks by Former Commissioner J.R.Curtiss	W&S

Addressing Questions from the Maintenance Rule Inspection  
Clearing House NRC

Concluding Remarks NRC

After the introductions, the staff gave an overview of DIPM's (a)(4) Rollout Plan, including the several stakeholder group meetings such as this one, with emphasis on the Reactor Oversight Process, baseline inspection procedure (IP) 71111.13, the supplemental inspection procedure, enforcement guidance, the results of the survey visits and verification and validation visits, and upcoming planned regional and resident inspector orientation training sessions. During the remainder of the meeting, the staff addressed the questions from the attendees.

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B. Bradley	Nuclear Engineering Institute
J.R.Curtiss	Winston & Strawn
D. Ferraro	Winston & Strawn
L. Ellgass	Hatch Power Plant
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