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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JULY 30, 2001, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
COUNTERPART MEETING

A publically observed meeting between Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, industry, and representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) was held July 30, 2001, in the NRC Region IV office in Arlington, TX. The meeting was in conjunction with an NRC Emergency Preparedness Specialist counterpart meeting. Members of the public were invited to observe. The attendees are listed on Attachment 1.

Representatives from NEI and industry made five presentations as follows:

- Industry Trends,
- Emergency Preparedness (EP) Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Issues,
- Definition of a Radiological Release,
- Revisit of 10 CFR 50.54(q) and
- Inspection Consistency Issues.

The slides for the presentations are included as Attachment 2.

The issues on EP ROP resulted in discussion on the guidance of NEI 99-02 with respect to the EP cornerstone. The issues were largely about how to disposition drill performance and hence performance indicator (PI) values, during confusing or rapidly escalating scenarios. It was suggested that the guidance allowed scenario controllers to use judgement and note their conclusions in the PI record for future inspection.

The discussion on the definition of a radiological release noted that the NRC EP specialists and their management were not the only NRC stakeholders involved with this issue. NRC's Office of Public Affairs and Incident Response Operations Office should be included in any effort to develop such a definition.

The industry was briefed on NRC's intention to develop guidance clarifying the use of 10 CFR 50.54(q) for the revision of emergency plans and the definition of "decrease in effectiveness" as it relates to such revisions. Industry offered to create a task force to develop a position on this issue.

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Industry representatives were asked to comment on their experience with initial implementation of EP ROP. The comments were universally positive, noting that while some areas of ROP would benefit from additional guidance, these problems are minor. The program was seen as reducing unnecessary regulatory burden. There were no negative comments regarding the EP findings that have been issued to date.

NRC thanked the stakeholders for attending the meeting and providing their views.

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Attachments: As stated

cc: See list

Attendees for July 30, 2001, Emergency Preparedness Counterpart Meeting

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