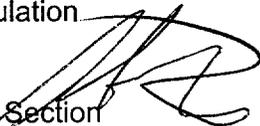




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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2001, PUBLIC MEETING TO
DISCUSS REVISIONS TO 10 CFR PART 26 (FITNESS-FOR-DUTY
RULE) AND REVIEW RESULTS CONCERNING NEI 99-08

On December 6, 2001, the NRC staff held a public meeting with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and other stakeholders. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss proposed changes to 10 CFR Part 26, the Fitness-for-Duty (FFD) Rule and related matters, as outlined in the meeting agenda in Attachment 1. Attachment 2 lists the attendees at the December 6, 2001 public meeting.

NRC staff opened the meeting and conveyed the results of its review of Working Draft 4 of NEI 99-08, "Industry Guidelines for Nuclear Power Plant Access Authorization Programs." The staff then discussed principles of transparent rulemaking and provided a projected timeline for the FFD rulemaking process.

An initial working draft of an outline for the proposed rule was then discussed. There was agreement among those present that general program and personnel requirements should be separated from procedural requirements in the revised rule. During the meeting, NEI provided the NRC staff a copy of "FFD Task Force Rulemaking Objectives."

The next meeting was scheduled for January 17, 2002, at NRC Headquarters. At that meeting, a draft final version of the outline and the schedule for drafting rule language will be presented.

The above information and the documents attached were shared and discussed between NRC staff, NEI representatives, and other stakeholders, and are not intended as verbatim records.

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Attachments: As Stated