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## **Meeting on Staff Guidance for Updating the Improved License Renewal Guidance Documents**

Meeting Date: February 25, 2002

Meeting Time: 1-3pm

Meeting Location: T8A1

- Opening Remarks - NRC 1:00-1:05pm
- Opening Remarks - NEI 1:05-1:15pm
- Discussion on: 1:15-2:30pm  
"Guidance for Interim Staff Guidance Development and Implementation"
  - ▶ Questions from NEI on process and discussion on industry involvement with implementation of process
- ▶ Review of Actions to be taken by NRC or NEI (if any) 2:30-2:50pm
- ▶ Closing Remarks 2:50-3:00pm

Note: In a letter dated 12/21/01 the staff guidance for updating the improved license renewal guidance documents was sent to NEI and the Union of Concerned Scientists for comment (ADAMS accession number ML013550265).

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NEI Comments  
Staff Guidance for Updating the Improved License Renewal Guidance Documents  
dated December 21, 2001

Section 4.2.3.2 – Description

Add the following sentence:

The ISG will be identified as generically applicable or applicable to a specific scope (e.g. BWRs only).

Section 4.2.3.2 – References

Revise the second sentence to read:

These could include the ASME and ANSI Codes, NUREGs, other ISGs, Part 54 subsections, and Regulator Guides

Appendix B flow chart – applicants portion and

Section 4.2.4 – Implementation of the ISG

Revise the second paragraph to read:

.....At this point, the ISG will have a number designation representing the year and issue number (i.e. 01-01) and an implementation date. The ISG can then be referenced in an applicant's LRA or as a part of the LRA regulatory review process. Implementation of the ISG by the applicant may vary due to the complexity of the ISG and timing of the applicant's LRA submittal.

Section 4.2.4 – Implementation of the ISG

General Comment

This section is written assuming the ISG will be issued with or without stakeholder agreement. Those without stakeholder agreement may be appealed to NRC management. There is no guidance provided for ISGs that are withdrawn by the NRC after stakeholder interactions.

Section 4.2.4 – Implementation of the ISG

Include the following sentence to be consistent with the Appendix B flowchart:

ISGs will remain effective until incorporated in Improved License Renewal Guidance Documents.

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