August 30, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: Scott F. Newberry, Director

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THRU: Mark A. Cunningham, Chief

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THRU: Nathan O. Siu, Senior Technical Advisor

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FROM: Hugh W. Woods /RA/

Probabilistic Risk Analysis Branch

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING, "USNRC FIRE RISK RESEARCH

WORKSHOP - COMMUNICATING RESEARCH RESULTS TO END

USERS"

Background:

Recognizing that: 1) internal fires are important contributors to the core damage frequency (CDF) for some plants; and 2) there is disagreement regarding key details of current fire risk assessment (FRA) methods which can lead to significant variability in their results, the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) initiated a research program in 1998 to develop improved FRA methods.

Purpose of the Workshop:

This workshop was held to make current results of the research program known to "end users," who are a wide range of persons who conduct, review, or make decisions based on FRAs. The workshop was also to obtain feedback from end users regarding their needs, so RES can determine how best to direct their planned future research. To accommodate these two purposes, the workshop was organized as a public meeting (a copy of the public meeting notice is enclosed) with nuclear utilities, vendors, consultants, regulators, and the general public (see enclosed list of registrants).

Format of the Workshop:

The workshop was arranged to highlight the research results' usefulness to end users. Each presentation began with a description of one part of the new method and how it could be utilized by end users to improve their conduct and use of FRAs. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions during the presentations and to engage the speakers in a dialogue. This format was intended to keep the presentations focused on the end users' needs, and to allow RES to obtain feedback regarding how to best meet those needs with future research.

Subjects Discussed:

Presentations regarding the following topics were made and discussed at the workshop (also see enclosed meeting agenda): an overview of FRA methods and related issues, including insights gained through the Individual Plant Examination - External Events (IPEEE) process; circuit analysis (sometimes referred to as the "hot shorts" issue), including an analysis approach and results from recent joint industry/NRC fire experiments; fire modeling; frequency of challenging fires (sometimes referred to as "severity factors"); detection and suppression analysis; and lessons learned from worldwide major nuclear power plant fire events.

Summary of Public Comments:

Two questionnaires requesting comments from the meeting attendees were distributed, one a questionnaire created specifically for this workshop, and the other a generic form (Form 659) required at all NRC-sponsored public meetings. Highlights from the enclosed "Summary of NRC Public Meeting Feedback" (workshop-specific) questions are:

- 1. The topics of most interest were frequency of challenging fires (sometimes referred to as "severity factors"), fire modeling, circuit analysis (both the method and the fire tests), and fire detection and suppression.
- 2. The topic of least interest was fire model benchmarking.
- 3. The workshop was considered to be effective, and future workshops of this type were recommended.
- 4. The overall value of the workshop was rated "high" by 10 responders, "medium" by 9, and no responders rated it "low."
- 5. The critical comments were that fire risk research results should be presented in terms of simple methods or parametric values that are acceptable for immediate use in fire risk analyses. Attendees felt that too many of the results presented at the workshop showed inadequacies in present methods without showing how they can be improved, and without presenting a definite schedule of when the research necessary to learn how they can be improved will be completed. Related comments were that RES' research that's directed toward validating (or not) existing methods is most valuable, and a suggestion that actual "findings" from fire inspections should be evaluated by the Significance Determination Process (SDP) and then compared to results of RES' work.

Responses to the generic questionnaire (Form 659) were generally complimentary, indicating that attendees understood the meeting's purpose and felt that it was achieved, believed the presentations to be both understandable and informative, and recommended that future workshops of this type be held (some conditioned this recommendation on achievement of the changes suggested in the above critical comments). Further details can be found in the enclosed "Summary of Public Meeting Feedback" (form 659 responses).

Also enclosed are copies of all slides used in the presentations made at the workshop

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Enclosures:

- 1. Public Meeting Notice
- 2. List of Registrants
- 3. Meeting Agenda
- 4. "Summary of NRC Public Meeting Feedback" (additional questions)
- 5. "Summary of NRC Public Meeting Feedback" (form 659 responses)
- 6. Introductory slides used at the workshop. On ADAMS, the Summary and Enclosures 1 through 6 are included in one file; Enclosure 7 is the 8 other files in the same package.
- 7. Presentation slides. Registrants were given copies at the workshop, and so will not be sent Enclosure 7. On ADAMS, see 8 separate ".pdf" files within the same package.

cc: (w/Enclosures 1-6) -these persons attended workshop, have copies of presentation slides) Registrants (see Enclosure 2)

cc: (w/Enclosures 1-7)

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Enclosure 1: Public Meeting Notice

July 31, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Scott F. Newberry, Director

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THRU: Mark Cunningham, Chief /RA/

Probabilistic Risk Analysis Branch Division of Risk Analysis & Applications Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

FROM: Hugh Woods /RA/

Probabilistic Risk Analysis Branch Division of Risk Analysis & Applications

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC FIRE RISK RESEARCH WORKSHOP,

"COMMUNICATING RESEARCH RESULTS TO END USERS"

DATE AND TIME: August 23, 2001, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

August 24, 2001, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Radisson Hotel, Harbor Room

35 Governor Winthrop Blvd.

New London, CT

PURPOSE: To discuss the results of recent USNRC-sponsored research developing

improved methods for conducting probabilistic risk assessment of the risk

due to fires in nuclear power plants. The workshop will be oriented toward discussing how the improved methods can be applied and used in evaluating the fire risk at nuclear power plants, and in evaluating the

acceptability of fire risk analyses.

PARTICIPANTS: Open to the Public

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Enclosure 2: List of Registrants

Registrants for August 23-24 USNRC Workshop

Name	Affiliation	Location
1 Bailey, Les 2 Beller, Doug	Southern Nuclear Operating Company NFPA International	AL, Birmingham MA, Quincy
3 Boone, Andrew	Sandia National Laboratories	NM, Albuquerque
4 Brown, Randal W. 5 Burgess, Sonia 6 Burns, William E. 7 Chan, Calvin 8 Chapman, James R. 9 Connell, Edward 10 Coones, Charles de Peralta-Meister,	Promatec Technologies, Inc. USNRC, Region III Southern Nuclear Operating Company Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. Scientech, Inc. USNRC dnfsb, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board	TX, Cypress IL, Lisle AL, Birmingham Canada, Pinawa, Manitoba MA, Boxboro DC, Washington DC, Washington
11 Fleur 12 Dey, Moni, Dr. 13 Dimitrijevic, Vesna 14 Dungan, Kenneth W.	TRI-EN Corporation USNRC Duke Engineering & Services Risk Technologies, LLC	WA, Vancouver DC, Washington MA, Marlborough TN, Knoxville
15 Emerson, Fred	Nuclear Energy institute	DC, Washington
16 Erdman, Ken 17 Gallucci, Raymond 18 Guey, Ching 19 Hampshire, David 20 Hardy, Steve	Omaha Public Power District Rochester Gas & Electric FPL Diablo Canyon Power Plant Progress Energy, Brunswick Nuclear Plant	NE, Ft. Calhoun NY, Ontario FL, Juno Beach CA, Avila Beach NC, Southport
21 He, Wei G. 22 Hollingsworth, Jeff 23 Hufelfinger, Ch. 24 Hyslop, J.S.	PSEG Nuclear Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Sicherheitsinstitut USNRC	NJ, Hancocks Bridge AZ, Tonapah Switzerland, Zurich DC, Washington
25 Jenkins, Ronaldo	USNRC	DC, Washington
26 Jung, lan 27 Kalantari, Robert 28 Kandrac, Jan, PhD	USNRC EPM, Inc. Risk Consult, Ltd. Gesellschaft fur Anlagen-und Reaktorsicherheit (GRS)	MD, Rockville MA, Framingham Slovakia, Bratislava
29 Klein-Hessling, Walter 30 Kleinsorg, Elizabeth 31 Lanham, Randy 32 Leatham, Russ 33 LeChance, Jeffrey 34 Lin, James C. 35 Linville, James 36 Lojk, Robert 37 McDonald, James N. 38 Nicholson, Patrick J.	mbH The Kleinsorg Group DOE-Lab Oak Ridge Nat'l Lab Diablo Canyon Power Plant Sandia National Laboratories ABS Consulting (formerly EQE) USNRC, Region I Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Travelers Insurance Fire Risk Mgmt, Inc.	Germany, Koln CA, Aptos TN, Oak Ridge CA, Avila Beach NM, Albuquerque CA, Irvine PA, King of Prussia Canada, Ottawa, Ontario CT, Hartford MA, Falmouth

39 Nigicser, Jeno	VEIKI Institute for Electrical Power Research Co.	Hungary, Budapest
40 Nowlen, Steven	Sandia National Laboratories	NM, Albuquerque
41 Parker, Michael E.	USNRC, Region III	IL, Lisle
42 Parry, Gareth	NRC/NRR/DSSA	DC, Washington
43 Patel, Jitesh	Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp.	KS, Burlington
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45 Pepe, David M.	Duke Engineering & Services	MA, Marlborough
46 Phan, Hanh K.	Energy Northwest	WA, Richland
47 Pruett, Troy W.	USNRC, Region IV	TX, N. Richland Hills
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51 Ribeiro, Joe	Force	NY, Melville
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54 Rubin, Mark	USNRC	DC, Washington
55 Schmidt, Michael	Industrial Risk Insurers (IRI)	CT, Hartford
56 Seidel, Kelly	DOE Yucca Mountain Project/Booz-Allen & Hamilton	NV, Las Vegas
57 Shumaker, Denis	PSE&G	NJ, Hancocks Bridge
58 Siu, Nathan	USNRC	DC, Washington
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68 Zalosh, Bob	CWPI, Center for Firesafety Studies	MA, Worcester

Enclosure 3: Meeting Agenda

USNRC Fire Risk Research Workshop Agenda

Thursday August 23:					
14:00 - 14:30	Registration				
14:30 - 14:45	Welcome and Opening Remarks, USNRC				
14:45 - 15:45	Fire PRA - Overview, Nathan Siu, USNRC/RES				
15:45 - 16:00	Break				
16:00 - 17:00	Fire PRA Application Insights, Steve Nowlen, Sandia National Laboratories				
Friday August 24:					
8:00 - 8:30	Late Registration				
8:30 - 9:30	Methods of Circuit Analysis for Fire PRA - Jeff LaChance, Sandia National Laboratories				
9:30 - 10:30	Cable Failure Modes and Effects Experiments and Data - Frank Wyant, Sandia National Laboratories				
10:30 - 10:45	Break				
10:45 - 11:45	Fire Model Benchmarking - Moni Dey, USNRC/RES				
11:45 - 13:00	Lunch				
13:00 - 14:00	Frequency of Challenging Fires - Dennis Bley, Buttonwood Consulting				
14:00 - 15:00	Fire Detection and Suppression Data and Analysis - Steve Nowlen, Sandia National Laboratories				
15:00 - 15:15	Break				
15:15 - 16:15	Fire Risk Methods Insights from Fire Events - Mardy Kazarians, Kazarians and Associates				
16:15 - 17:00	Open Discussion Forum				
17:00	Adjourn				

Enclosure 4:

Summary of NRC Public Meeting Feedback for August 23 and 24 Meeting, "USNRC Fire Risk Research Workshop -Communicating Research Results to End Users"

Twenty (20) responses were received to an "Additional Questions: USNRC Fire Risk Research Workshop" form that was provided to the approximately 70 attendees.

Unlike the "NRC form 659 responses" reported separately, these "Additional Questions" were not formulated for numerical tabulation. Rather, they were to obtain the consensus of the attendees regarding each of several aspects of the meeting, including the subjects of greatest and least interest and the strengths and weakness of several organizational aspects of the meeting. The responses in each area, and the resulting consensus (if any), are summarized below.

NRC Fire Risk Research Program:

- 1. Q: Which of NRC's fire risk research activities are of greatest interest to you?
- R: Most responses listed several activities, and as a result the total set of responses mentioned most of the topics presented. Topics receiving significantly more than the average number of mentions were severity factors (i.e., frequency of significant fires), fire modeling, and circuit analysis (i.e., the hot shorts issue, including the recent fire [circuit failure] tests).
- 2. Q: Which of NRC's fire risk research activities are of least interest to you?
- R: Fire model benchmarking was mentioned four times, slightly more than other topics which were typically mentioned once or at most twice. Comments pointed out that the benchmarking calculations involved insignificant temperatures for cable damage concerns, and that the process should have included comparison of calculation results to actual fires, rather than just to other codes.
- 3. Q: Which of the <u>results</u> presented at this workshop were of greatest interest to you?
- R: Similar to item #1 above, most of the topics presented were mentioned in one or more of the responses. Topics receiving significantly more than the average number of mentions were severity factors, circuit analysis (i.e., the "hot shorts" issue), and detection and suppression.
- 4. Q: Which of the results presented at this workshop were of least interest to you?
- R: Same as item 2 above.

Workshop Effectiveness:

- 1. Q: Considering the workshop as a whole, what elements (e.g., specific presentations or discussions) did you find to be the most effective?
- R: The total set of responses mentioned most of the topics presented. Only one presentation was mentioned twice (severity factors), and none were mentioned more than twice. Thus, no consensus was indicated by the responses.
- 2. Q: What improvements would you suggest for future workshops?

- R: The only suggestion made repetitively was that it was difficult for all members of the audience to hear all of the comments and questions, and that better accoustics and at least one microphone for audience use would be desirable.
- 3. Q: Would you recommend that NRC hold future workshops on its risk assessment research activities?
- R: Eighteen responded "yes," and the remaining two responded "yes," but only if final results, i.e., results that could be immediately used in PRAs, were presented.

Workshop Arrangements:

- 1. Q: For future NRC risk assessment research-related workshops, which of the following would you prefer: no registration fee, or a nominal registration fee to cover breakfast and lunch?
- R: Responses were about 2 to 1 in favor of "no registration fee."
- 2. Q: Are there additional arrangements you would like to see even if these would require an additional registration fee?
- R: No suggestions were made.
- 3. Q: Did the coordination of this workshop with the SMiRT Post-Conference Seminar on Fire Protection influence your decision to attend this workshop?
- R: 13 responded "not at all," 1 responded "modestly," 4 responded "strongly," and 2 made no response.

Overall:

- 1. Q: Please assess the overall value of the workshop to you:
- R: 10 responded "high," 9 responded "medium," one did not respond to this question, and none responded "low."
- 2. Q: Please provide any additional comments, positive or negative, regarding NRC's fire risk research program in general and this workshop in particular.
- R: The largest group of comments were that fire risk research results should be presented in terms of simple methods or parametric values that are acceptable for immediate use in fire risk analyses. Attendees felt that too many of the results presented at the workshop showed inadequacies in present methods without showing how they can improved, and without presenting a definite schedule of when the research necessary to learn how they can be improved will be completed. Related comments were that our research that's directed toward validating (or not) existing methods is most valuable, and a suggestion that actual "findings" from fire inspections should be evaluated by the Significance Determination Process (SDP) and then compared to results of SNL's work.

Enclosure 5:

Summary of NRC Public Meeting Feedback for August 23 and 24 Meeting, "USNRC Fire Risk Research Workshop -Communicating Research Results to End Users"

Eighteen (18) "NRC Public Meeting Feedback" form 659 responses were received from the approximately 70 attendees.

Note that some respondees did not respond to all of the questions, and that some respondees selected more than one of the choices for some questions (therefore, the total responses for some questions are greater, or less, than 18).

Number of Responses

Question/Response Choices

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	b.	I work for an interested organization	14		
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	e.	Other	5		
2.	Were you famil	liar with the meeting topic prior to com	ing today?		
	a.	Very	12		
	b.	Somewhat	6		
	C.	Not at all	0		
3.	How did you fir	nd out about this meeting?			
	a.	NRC mailing list	7		
	b.	Newspaper	0		
	C.	Radio/TV	0		
	d.	Internet	5		
	e.	Other	7		
4.	Have you attended an NRC meeting before?				
	a.	Never	4		
	b.	1 or 2 times	5		
	C.	3 to 5 times	1		
	d.	More than 5 times	8		
5.	Was sufficient notice given in advance of the meeting?				
	a.	Yes	18		
	b.	No	0		
6.	How well do yo	u feel you understand NRC's role with			
	•	sues discussed today?			
	a.	Very well	14		
	b.	Somewhat	4		
	C.	Not at all	0		

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b.	Somewhat	1
C.	Not at all	0
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a.	Yes	10
b.	No	2
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	ng to improve its communications with the public and would ny additional comments you may have on today' meeting.	3

USNRC Fire Risk Research Workshop - Communicating Research Results to End Users

Radisson Hotel Ballroom New London, Connecticut, USA

August 23, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM August 24, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM 2001

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"WELCOME," from Your Hosts / Workshop Organizers

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Other Contractors & SNL Subcontractors

Dennis Bley, Buttonwood Consulting, Inc. Mardy Kazarians, Kazarians & Associates

- Objective: To Communicate Between RES' Fire Risk Research Team and Potential End Users
 - We (RES) Need to Explain the Better Methods to Regulatory and to Industry End Users
 - RES Requests Feedback From End Users To Enable Users to Optimize the New Methods to Fit Their Needs

Target Audience:

- Fire PRA Practitioners (Regulatory Staff and Industry)
- USNRC Staff and Others Interested in Improving NPP Fire Safety Analysis Methods
- Those Interested in Potential Future Applications of Fire PRA

Workshop Structure

- Fire PRA Overview: A Framework for Discussing
 - Potential Methodological and Application Issues
 - USNRC Fire Risk Program Tasks
- Fire PRA Application Insights
- Topical Areas of the Current USNRC Research Programs
 - Methods of Circuit Analysis for Fire PRA
 - Cable Failure Modes and Effects Experiments & Data
 - Fire Model Benchmarking
 - Frequency of Challenging Fires
 - Fire Detection and Suppression Data and Analysis
 - Fire Risk Methods Insights from Fire Events

Format

- We Want to Encourage Open Communication and Exchange
- We Have Prepared Formal Presentations, BUT:
 - You're Strongly Encouraged to Ask Your Questions
 During the Presentations, and
 - The Closing Session is Specifically for Additional Open Discussion
- "Business Casual" Atmosphere
- Feedback is Requested
- Logistics (Libby Greene)
- The Agenda

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