

September 17, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: Christopher I. Grimes, Program Director
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2002, MEETING WITH THE
NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI) REGARDING CONTROL ROOM
HABITABILITY (CRH) AND NEI 99-03

On September 10, 2002, representatives of the NEI Control Room Habitability Task Force met with representatives of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) at NRC's offices in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was for NEI to present a proposed revision of NEI 99-03, "Control Room Habitability Assessment Guidance." Meeting attendees are listed in Attachment 1.

Mark Reinhart, of the NRC, began by stating that the meeting was requested by NEI in an August 19, 2002, letter to discuss options for revising NEI 99-03 so that it might be endorsed by NRC. Kurt Cozens, of NEI, made the presentation for NEI. He gave an overview of the issues from industry's perspective and industry's concern for NRC's current approach for resolution. The NEI presentation slides are in Attachment 2 (ADAMS Accession No. ML022590317.)

The NRC staff asked questions throughout the presentation. Without having seen the specific changes to NEI 99-03, the staff could only agree that the outline of the revised NEI 99-03 indicated the potential for the NRC and industry to be in better alignment. The staff is obligated to continue to work for resolution of the issues through finalization of the draft regulatory guides (DGs) and the generic letter. Steve La Vie, of the NRC, suggested that it may not be appropriate to include the information of DG-1111 and DG-1113 in NEI-99-03 and that there is a need to issue those DGs regardless of the CRH efforts.

NEI presented a schedule by which a revised NEI 99-03 document would be available for staff comment in October 2002 and Revision 1 of NEI 99-03 would be available to the staff in December 2002 with staff comments addressed. The staff noted that it had resource constraints because of the work on the draft regulatory guidance but agreed to support the proposed schedule as best it could without impacting the schedule for the DGs and the GL. The staff also noted the possibility that they may not find the revised NEI 99-03 acceptable. NEI acknowledged that possibility but would proceed with the proposed schedule with the staff's cooperation.

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Robert Burley	Duke Power
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Jerry Kloecker	Dominion Energy
Bud Gerling	NMC, Palisades
John Hayes	NRR/DSSA/SPSB
Mark Reinhart	NRC/DSSA/SPSB
Michelle Hart	NRC/DSSA/SPSB
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Mark Blumberg	NRC/DSSA/SPSB
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