

October 8, 2002

ORGANIZATION: NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE  
(NEI) RE: STANDARD FORMAT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL  
APPLICATIONS

On September 24, 2002, the staff met with the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) License Renewal Task Force to discuss the format for license renewal applications (LRAs) and agreed, in principle, on general formatting issues. The goal is to have the LRA organized in a format so that the public can better understand the application and the staff can review it more efficiently and effectively. The staff and NEI plan to have a standard format for these LRAs by the end of the year so that utilities that are planning to submit an application after the middle of 2003 can use it. A meeting to work out the details is scheduled for October 9, 2002. Enclosed are the agenda (Enclosure 1), the list of meeting attendees (Enclosure 2), and meeting handouts (Enclosure 3). The example of an Appendix B aging management program description, included in Enclosure 2, was provided at the meeting, but was not discussed due to time limitations.

Mr. Gillespie, Deputy Director of the Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs addressed emergent issues, and the importance of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) in the review process. Emergent issues can affect the review schedule. If an emergent issue is identified for one applicant, other applicants should not wait for the staff to ask them to address the issue, the applicants should be pro-active and send in the additional information. The staff and the applicant should be prepared to provide ACRS with enough information so that additional meetings are not required to finish the review.

The staff expressed the importance of developing a standard format for LRAs. A standard format that improves the clarity and consistency of the applications will increase public confidence, and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the review. The staff and the industry discussed lessons learned from the LRAs which use the NUREG-1800, "Standard Review Plan for Review of License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants" (SRP-LR) guidance. One lesson learned is that the Chapter 3 tables do not provide the information in the most efficient manner for the staff to conduct its review. The staff and the industry agreed, in principle, to revise the tables, the details of which will be worked out in the meeting scheduled for October 9, 2002. The LRAs have varied in determining what information is consistent with NUREG-1801, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report." The advantage provided by the GALL report is, if the components are "consistent" with GALL, then the staff does not have to perform further evaluations. Additional guidance will be provided on what is "consistent" with GALL.

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AGENDA  
NEI LICENSE RENEWAL TASK FORCE MEETING WITH THE NRC STAFF  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

1. Introduction

2. Objectives

Review lessons learned from the demonstration project and from the preparation and review of recent license renewal applications to develop guidance for licensees submitting renewal applications in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 and beyond.

3. Opening comments, status, and submittal schedules

4. License renewal application history

a. Lessons learned from the format of early plant submittals (Arkansas Nuclear One, Hatch, Turkey Point, & others)

b. Lessons learned from the format of recent submittals (Ft. Calhoun, Robinson, & Ginna)

c. NRC lessons learned - review NRC letter of July 24, 2002 (ADAMS Accession No. ML022060290)

5. Working template for FY03 applications. Types of templates, what was provided to NRC, and what worked best?

6. Discussion

7. Summary

Public Participation: The public is invited to participate throughout the meeting on topics being discussed.

LIST OF ATTENDEES FOR THE  
NEI LICENSE RENEWAL TASK FORCE MEETING WITH THE NRC STAFF  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

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