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NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI) ON OPERATOR LICENSING

DATE AND TIME: February 19 - 20, 2003
8:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.

LOCATION: The Don CeSar Hotel
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PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR
OPERATOR LICENSING WORKSHOP

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Day One:

The first day will focus exclusively on the ninth revision to NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The morning general sessions will be followed by afternoon breakout sessions with panel discussions on the changes to the examination standards and issues associated with examination development and delivery. The panels will include personnel with expertise from both the industry and the NRC.

The first day will focus equally between managing and implementing the changes to the NUREG. Attendance is suggested for training managers and those responsible for operator licensing examination development and administration.

Day Two:

The second day will focus exclusively on recent changes to the simulator rule (10 CFR 55.46). Morning general sessions will be followed by afternoon breakout sessions with panel discussions targeting rule changes and continued assurance of simulator fidelity.

The second day will focus equally among managing rule changes, simulator performance testing, and identification/correction of modeling and hardware discrepancies. Attendance is suggested primarily for those personnel responsible for modifying, testing, and maintaining the simulator ready for training and experience; however, personnel responsible for simulator training development and delivery would also benefit from participation.