

February 5, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO: Christopher I. Grimes, Program Director  
Policy and Rulemaking Program  
Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, NRR

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MEETING WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI)  
REGARDING MANAGING FIRE PROTECTION ISSUES

DATE AND TIME: February 18, 2003  
1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
One White Flint North  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852-2738  
Room O-10B4

PURPOSE: To discuss management of current and emerging fire protection issues.  
A preliminary agenda is attached.

PARTICIPANTS\*: NRC NEI/Industry  
Suzanne Black Fred Emerson, NEI  
John Hannon Gary Gates, OPPD  
Eric Weiss, et al et al

CATEGORY: This is a category 2 meeting. The public is invited to participate in this meeting by discussing regulatory issues with the NRC at designated points identified on the agenda.

Project No. 689  
Attachment: Agenda  
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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR NRC/NEI  
MEETING ON FIRE PROTECTION ISSUES**

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Introduction and Opening Remarks	NRC/NEI
Discussion of Fire Protection Issues	NRC/NEI
Discuss potential incentives to promote adoption of NFPA 805 (e.g., credit for self-assessments)	
Consider a risk-informed approach to (1) establish licensing basis issue priorities; (2) provide a threshold to identify emerging issues that warrant resource expenditure; and (3) govern the processing of licensing basis issues for licensees adopting 805 rule	
Discuss results of a risk-informed evaluation of fire suppression requirements	
Determine the appropriateness of fire watches being used for non-safety compliance issues and the need for followup action	
Discuss issue of license renewal and the effect on fire protection scope (tentative issue)	
Opportunity for Public Question and Comment	Public
Regional feedback on NEI concerns with inspections in the areas of post-fire safe shutdown and the regulatory process (Chuck Casto is planning to attend)	
Clarify the process and documentation necessary to provide fire-protection issue closure	
Discuss the interim inspection guidance for manual actions	
Discuss a planned evaluation of results from first round of triennial inspections	
Opportunity for Public Question and Comment	Public
Plans and Topics for Future Meetings	NRC/NEI

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