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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2003, BETWEEN
THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) STAFF AND
INDUSTRY LICENSING ACTION TASK FORCE RE: MONTHLY
OPERATING REPORTS

Members of the staff of the NRC hosted a meeting with representatives of the Licensing Action Task Force (LATF), Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), and the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) on February 13, 2003, at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. This meeting was open to the public. A list of attendees is attached. There were no formal presentations or handouts used during the meeting.

The topic of the meeting was possible changes to the current requirements for power reactor licensees to submit a monthly operating report (MOR). The technical specifications for power reactor licensees currently include a requirement in the administrative controls section for licensees to submit a MOR. Additional guidance on the content of the MORs is provided in Generic Letter (GL) 97-02, "Revised Contents of The Monthly Operating Report," dated May 15, 1997. The subject of eliminating or modifying the MORs as a possible way to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden has been discussed at several meetings between the NRC and industry over the course of the last several years.

The first discussion at the meeting involved the NRC's need for the information in the MORs. The NRC staff in attendance stated that the data outlined in GL 97-02 continues to be used for trending industry performance and to support the analysis of specific licensee event reports. The staff also stated that the use of the information by the NRC does not rule out the possibility of the data being provided by methods other than the current MORs.

The industry goal of improving efficiencies and reducing regulatory burdens could, at least partially, be achieved through revising the methods and frequency of supplying the data. A method discussed during the meeting would involve adding the information currently provided in the MORs to the data supplied to support the reactor oversight process (ROP). This data is provided quarterly by each licensee in an electronic format. The industry is currently evaluating possible enhancements to the collection of the ROP data and the possible addition of the MOR data using a consolidated data entry system being developed by INPO.

The NRC and industry participants agreed on follow-up actions and to continue discussions at the next LATF meeting, scheduled for February 27, 2003. The LATF agreed to develop a proposed project plan to address data collection (through consolidated data entry or other system) and the necessary licensing actions to support possible changes. The NRC staff agreed to continue internal discussions to refine data needs and discussions with the LATF to support a future project plan. Assuming the NRC staff and agency stakeholders reach a general consensus on an approach, the consolidated data entry system being developed by INPO could support elimination of the current requirements for MORs by early 2004.

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RE: MONTHLY OPERATING REPORTS

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