

March 12, 2003

ORGANIZATION: Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2003, TO
DISCUSS THE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION PROGRAM AND
10 CFR PART 52 COMBINED LICENSE ISSUES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on February 20, 2003, at NRC Headquarters to discuss the construction inspection program and 10 CFR Part 52 combined license (COL) issues. A list of attendees is provided as Enclosure 1. The meeting agenda is provided as Enclosure 2.

Handouts were provided during the meeting by both the staff and NEI. The handouts can be accessed through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). This system provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The handouts mentioned above may be accessed through the ADAMS system under Accession No. ML030560399. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the handouts located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Highlights From the Construction Inspection Program Portion of the Meeting

The staff discussed the outline for a proposed construction inspection framework document and answered questions from NEI regarding the outline. The purpose of the framework document is to provide a "road map" for updating and revising the various construction inspection manual chapters to support the 10 CFR Part 52 licensing processes. The staff plans to issue the document for public comment in April 2003, schedule a workshop in the summer of 2003, and issue the final document by the end of calendar year 2003.

The staff stated that it would consider NEI's request to hold meetings prior to the summer workshop to discuss the framework document. NEI stated that it would consider whether or not to provide comments on the draft outline prior to the framework document being issued in April 2003. The staff was particularly interested in obtaining examples from NEI's perspective regarding what would constitute new and significant information that would invalidate a previous inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria (ITAAC) interim conclusion.

Highlights From the 10 CFR Part 52 Portion of the Meeting

During the second portion of the meeting, the staff and NEI discussed COL issues. NEI and industry representatives stated that they would like to engage the staff in a dialog on COL issues in preparation for a potential COL application. When asked by the staff about what the time frame for the submittal of a COL application might be, NEI and industry representatives stated that certain issues need to be resolved to support a business decision on submitting a COL application, and that two years would be an appropriate time frame to resolve the issues. NEI is targeting calendar year 2005 as a time frame for the submittal of a COL application.

In support of this objective, NEI provided the staff a list of items intended to be a starting point for developing a definitive list of issues to be resolved. Among the items on the list was responding to the September 11, 2002, staff requirements memorandum regarding programmatic ITAAC. Industry representatives stated that the first COL applications would likely reference either a certified design or one of several designs that are currently being reviewed by the staff. They also stated that they are uncertain regarding whether such a COL application would reference one of the early site permit (ESP) applications that the staff is scheduled to begin reviewing this year.

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With the Nuclear Energy Institute
February 20, 2003

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Other Interested Attendees

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Agenda
February 20, 2003 Meeting
with NEI

1:30	Introductory Comments	NEI/NRC
1:40	Overview of outline of construction inspection program framework document (ADAMS Accession Number ML023360479)	NRC
2:00	Discussion of framework document outline	NRC/NEI/Public
2:30	Identification and plans for addressing 10 CFR Part 52 combined license (COL) issues including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response to September 11, 2002, staff requirements memorandum regarding programmatic ITAAC• Time frame for COL application• COL application guidance• COL reviewer guidance• Disposition of 10 CFR 52.103 hearing process comments• Status of 10 CFR Part 52 rulemaking• Status of regulatory infrastructure items listed in future licensing and inspection readiness assessment (FLIRA) report SECY-01-0188• Plans for next meeting	NRC/NEI
3:15	Public Comment	
3:25	Summary	
3:30	Adjourn	

Enclosure 2

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