

May 19, 2003

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9, 2003, BETWEEN THE
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) STAFF AND
INDUSTRY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION TASK FORCE

Members of the NRC staff hosted a meeting with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), licensees and contractors comprising the Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) on April 9, 2003, at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. This meeting was open to the public. A list of attendees is provided as Attachment 1. Handouts from the meeting are provided as Attachments 2 through 5.

The agenda for the meeting is provided as Attachment 2. The topics discussed included: (1) the NRC assessment of fees for review of proposed changes by the TSTF to the Standard Technical Specifications (STS); (2) the status of proposed changes (travelers) previously submitted to the NRC for review ; (3) the status of travelers within the NRC consolidated line item improvement process (CLIP); and (4) miscellaneous issues. A summary of the discussions is provided below:

1. NRC Assessment of Fees for TSTF Reviews

The TSTF representatives provided comments on the NRC position (as documented in a letter dated January 10, 2003, to NEI) regarding the assessment of fees for proposed changes to the STS. The NRC review of proposed changes made under the Risk-Informed TSTF program are not affected by the change. The TSTF comments are provided in the handout included as Attachment 3. The NRC staff restated the position outlined in the letter and informed the TSTF that changes to the policy would need to be pursued with NRR senior managers. The TSTF representatives acknowledged this point and stated that they would raise the issue during future meetings between owners groups and senior NRR managers.

2. TSTF Status

The TSTF representatives and the NRC staff members discussed the status of the open travelers. The status of the TSTF travelers is summarized in Attachment 4. The NRC staff stated that, as part of the transition to the process outlined in the January 10, 2003, letter to NEI, the NRC would generally continue with ongoing reviews of those TSTF travelers currently

in-house (i.e., would not change the fee status for items under active review). The items currently under review are marked as "R" on the list provided as Attachment 5.

3. CLIIP

The meeting participants discussed the status of the CLIIP and the maintenance of the related NRC web site. The web site was updated following the meeting and currently provides a more accurate status of the CLIIP program.

4. Miscellaneous Issues

The participants discussed several other issues such as the process for issuance of Revision 3 to the STS NUREGs. These items will be addressed during routine discussions between the staff and TSTF.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS TASK FORCE MEETING

APRIL 9, 2003

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