

August 6, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO: David L. Skeen, Acting Program Director
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MEETING WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI)
ON MANAGING FIRE PROTECTION ISSUES

DATE AND TIME: August 21, 2003
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852, Room O-4 B6

PURPOSE: To continue discussion on 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, et al
Sunil Weerakkody, 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. A teleconference line will be available.

Project No. 689
Attachment: Agenda
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PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR MEETING ON FIRE PROTECTION ISSUES
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Introduction and Opening Remarks	NRC/NEI
Action Items from April 18, 2003 Meeting	
Consider fast track for licensee FP self-assessment pilot	NEI/NRC
Determine need for RIS on fire suppression issues	NRC
Consider IN on insights from triennial study	NRC
Discussion of Fire Protection Issues	NRC/NEI
1. Summary of staff response to Feb 13, 2003 letter on incentives for NFPA 805 Action Item - Update on Office of Enforcement position during transition	NRC
2. Summary of staff response to May 22, 2003 letter on NEI 00-01, Revision 0 and Apr 9, 2003 letter on resolution of circuit analysis issues. Action Item - Update on handling of licensing basis issues	NRC
3. Summary of staff response to June 17, 2003 letter on NEI 02-03	NRC
4. Status of results of a risk-informed evaluation of fire suppression requirements	NRC
Opportunity for Public Comments and Questions	Public
Continue Discussion of Fire Protection Issues	NRC/NEI
5. Staff position on fire watches being used for non-safety compliance issues	NRC
6. "Regional perspective on results of inspections in the areas of manual actions, compensatory measures, and associated circuits?"	NRC
7. Summary of NFPA 805 NEI Implementation Guide transition pilot at McGuire NPP.	NEI
8. Confirmation of issue management process discussed at April 18 meeting	NEI/NRC
9. Prioritization/consideration of new issues	NEI/NRC
Epoxy coatings flame spread and combustible loadings concerns	
Gaseous suppression system lockouts to prevent inadvertent actuations	
Manual actions	
SDP development	
Hemyc/fire barriers	
Opportunity for Public Comments and Questions	Public
Plans and Topics for Future Meetings	NRC/NEI

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