

October 2, 2003

ORGANIZATION: Nuclear Energy Institute

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI) TO DISCUSS STAFF'S PROPOSED INTERIM STAFF GUIDANCE (ISG) ON THE SCOPING OF FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL (ISG-7)

On September 24, 2003, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff met with the NEI and other industry representatives to discuss the staff's proposed ISG on the scoping of fire protection equipment for license renewal (See ADAMS Accession No. ML023190474) and NEI's response (See ADAMS Accession No. ML031700339). The staff developed this ISG in response to NRC scoping and screening of fire protection equipment inspections that indicated additional guidance could be useful. The proposed ISG was intended to facilitate preparation of future applications for license renewal. During the meeting, the staff explained that the proposed ISG would be held in abeyance pending additional license renewal application (LRA) review experience. This decision is based on most recent experience and lessons learned with LRAs which indicates that: (1) the license renewal rule is clear with respect to fire protection, (2) the SRP (NUREG-1800) provides adequate guidance for the scoping criteria, (3) the staff and industry agree that the fire protection scoping is based on the plant specific current licensing basis and (4), in retrospect, the staff concluded that the types of issues that led the staff to propose the ISG were plant-specific in nature and most likely would not have been avoided or resolved by the proposed ISG.

During the meeting, the staff provided comments on NEI's response to the proposed ISG and an industry representative agreed that the fire protection scoping was not limited to safe shutdown or technical specification components. Another industry representative stated that they are using the lessons learned from previous applications as well. These comments affirmed the staff's position to hold the proposed ISG until the staff completes its assessment of additional LRA review experience. The additional experience and lessons learned will be used to determine if the ISG will be withdrawn or improved and issued. NEI and industry did not disagree with the staff's proposal. On this basis, the staff decided that the proposed ISG would be placed on hold until it completes its assessment of additional LRA review experience.

Enclosed please find the meeting agenda (Enclosure 1), and the list of meeting attendees (Enclosure 2). If you have any questions concerning this proposed ISG, please contact Peter J. Kang, at (301) 415-2779.

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**Agenda for Public Meeting to Discuss the Scoping of
Fire Protection Equipment for License Renewal**

Room T-10A1

**September 24, 2003
(1:00 PM-3:00 PM)**

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| 1. Welcome/Introductions | 10 minutes |
| 2. Discussion of scoping of fire protection equipment | 90 minutes |
| 3. Public comments | 10 minutes |
| 4. Summary | 10 minutes |

NRC Meeting Attendance List

**MEETING WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI) TO DISCUSS
THE SCOPING OF FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT
FOR LICENSE RENEWAL**

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