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MANUAL ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE SAFE SHUTDOWN IN THE
EVENT OF FIRE

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This meeting was classified as a Category 3 public meeting which provided an opportunity for members of the public to discuss regulatory issues with the NRC at any point during the meeting. The staff will consider the comments received during the meeting, as well as future written comments, when developing the interim enforcement policy. A transcript was made of the meeting discussion (Attachment 1). The transcript contains the list of meeting attendees. The slides used by the staff during the meeting are provided in Attachment 2. Both the transcript and the slides are available in the Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS).

The meeting was attended by representatives of the nuclear industry, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), and Paul Gunter, of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service. During the meeting, both Mr. Gunter and the representatives from the nuclear industry commented that the staff's proposed deadline for written comments on the interim criteria did not allow sufficient time for a proper response. The NRC agreed to extend the deadline by providing a 30-day comment period. A *Federal Register* notice soliciting written comments was published on November 26, 2003. The comment period closes on December 26, 2003. Further details of the discussions and points made by various participants are available in the meeting transcript.

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