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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF APRIL 1, 2004, MEETING WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY
INSTITUTE TO DISCUSS SAMPLE SCHEDULES FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION PROGRAM INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

On April 1, 2004, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff from the Inspection Program Branch, the New Reactor Licensing Section, the Information Management Section, and the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) met with representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to discuss two detailed, non-proprietary example schedules developed by Westinghouse for the Construction Inspection Program Information Management System (CIPIMS) demonstration project. Both examples were for schedules of pertinent work activities to meet Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) for the Advance Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) certified design. The first example was for one ITAAC for the Turbine Gland Seal System and the second example was for one ITAAC for constructing the Nuclear Island Buildings in a manner so that all deviations with the Design Description were reconciled.

This meeting was classified as a Category 2 meeting which provided an opportunity for members of the public to discuss regulatory issues with the NRC. Attachment 1 is a list of attendees. The meeting minutes and handout can be accessed through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession Nos., respectively, ML040960298 and ML040960230.

The NRC staff discussed the necessity of both the NRC and NEI having a common language and common understanding of the type of information and its format to be submitted to the NRC for scheduling inspectors prior to and during the construction of a plant licensed under 10 CFR 52.

The representative from Westinghouse discussed in detail the basis for the format of the schedule for the work activities for meeting ITAAC 2.10.9.1 for the Turbine Gland Seal System. The schedule was submitted in both a Gantt Chart format and a data report that listed some of the preceding work activities required for meeting and verifying this particular ITAAC. The schedule was simplified by utilizing the immediate first level of predecessors not those further back in time. The Westinghouse representative stated that one possible benefit of the CIPIMS

demonstration project will be to better define the work activities prior to and after issuance of a Combined Operating License (COL).

During this discussion, the NRC and NEI were unable to agree on how much of the overall master construction schedule, for building a new plant, would be submitted to the NRC by a licensee. The major points of contention were the number and type of predecessors required to be listed as prerequisites for completing a particular ITAAC, the detail to be represented for constructing a specific module offsite, and how to deal with proprietary information so it is not in the public domain. The NRC would like the whole master schedule in order to effectively and efficiently use inspection resources but NEI would like to limit the scheduling information to what is actually needed by the NRC so as not to be overly burdensome to either the NRC or the licensee. The representative of Westinghouse stated that a better example of the level of detail that could be utilized was shown in the sample schedule previewed but not distributed at the last meeting between the NRC and NEI on February 13, 2004. The NRC plans to review that sample schedule after Westinghouse removes all proprietary information from it and the NRC receives it.

The NRC and NEI agreed to use a rolling-window approach for scheduling information so that more detail is provided for those work activities to be completed near term and less detail for those activities to be completed for example six to twelve months in the future. In regard to the level of detail represented in a schedule for constructing a module, the NRC proposed that a licensee have some means in the schedule to alert the NRC that a module is being built other than just the start and finish dates. The NRC and NEI did not fully agree on whether or not the detailed schedule for a sub-vendor, assigned to build a module offsite, would be included in the scheduling information provided to the NRC.

The representative from Westinghouse then discussed the schedule for the work activities for meeting ITAAC 3.3.2.a for constructing the Nuclear Island structures. The schedule was submitted only as a data report that listed some of the preceding work activities required for meeting and verifying this particular ITAAC. The schedule was simplified by utilizing the immediate first level of predecessors not those further back in time. This particular ITAAC required a report which reconciled all deviations identified during construction with the approved design. The NRC and NEI agreed that it was necessary to determine where the supporting information for this and similar reports would reside.

The Westinghouse representative stated that the scheduling information, to be sent to the NRC, would be more understandable if it was in the Program Evaluation and Review Technique (PERT) format. This led to a discussion on the viability of the PERT chart as the method of providing scheduling information to the NRC since it was a derived product and could not be queried for different sorts. The NRC said it was better to provide them the whole schedule and then they would determine how the data would be formatted so that different sorts could be obtained, like for example, all the line items for a singular type of activity related to an ITAAC or all the precursors for a particular ITAAC.

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3. NEI will determine where the supporting data for deviation reports and similar reports should reside.
4. NRC will ask OGC whether the use of a dedicated server, for the receipt of proprietary information and with read-only capability, would be in violation of the requirements for dissemination of proprietary information.
5. Westinghouse will provide to the NRC PERT charts for each of the example schedules discussed at this meeting.
6. Westinghouse will provide to the NRC an example of a two-week rolling schedule.
7. Westinghouse will try to find a workstream that contains both electrical and instrumentation and control (I&C) components.

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