

May 25, 2004

STAKEHOLDERS: Nuclear Energy Institute, and Industry Representatives

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MARCH AND APRIL CONFERENCE CALLS WITH
NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE TO DISCUSS STATUS OF FIRE
PROTECTION ISSUES

In 2003, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), and industry representatives developed fire protection issue management protocol (IMP) [ADAMS Accession No. ML031210232] to define a process for identifying, tracking, and resolving issues that may arise during NRC or industry review of guideline documents, plant-specific events, generic trends, and NRC research findings. The IMP does not displace any regulatory processes, but the IMP may supplement the regulatory process for issues that arise that do not yet meet the threshold of requiring regulatory action. On January 28, 2004, a suggestion was made to hold monthly calls between members of the NRC and NEI to determine the status of the items, provide any additions or updates, and review/revise priorities. NEI took the action to take the lead to maintain the list of issues and add priority and status information. Public meetings would be held at regular intervals to discuss the specifics or resolve any concerns.

On March 2 and April 1, 2004 the NRC staff conducted conference calls with representatives of the NEI and members of industry. This call was intended to determine the status of those items on the Issue Management Tracking Lists, provide any additions or updates, and review/revise priorities. The Issue Management Tracking Lists for both meetings are attached.

During the conference calls, the participants discussed several items to be addressed at the next public meeting. These items were:

- 1) Processing of licensing basis issues for licensees adopting National Fire Protection Association guidance NFPA-805 [805-3];
- 2) Feedback on the regulatory standing of NUREG-1778 [CF-6];
- 3) CO₂ System Lockouts [FP-1];
- 4) Epoxy Coatings/ flame spread [FP-4]; and
- 5) Discussing any differences in the priority assessed on issues.

Several Items were added to the Issue Management Tracking List

Proposed Tracking #	Topic	Action Responsibility
805-1b	Discussion between NRC and Industry Managers regarding benefits of NFPA-805	NRC/NEI
CF-4c	Response to draft NEI 04-06	NRC
CF-5a	Issue Draft NUREG-1778	NRC
CF-5b	Comment on Draft NUREG-1778	NEI
CF-5c	Response to Comments on Draft NUREG-1778	NRC
FP	Epoxy coating survey	NEI

During the conference call on the 2nd of March, several items were updated or statused. NEI provided tentative dates for the completion of several items.

Tracking #	Topic	Update/Action
805-4	NFPA 805 Implementing Guidance Rev. E	Change date to April 5-6, 2004
CF-1	Fire-induced circuit failure (FICF) inspections/self-assessment pilots counter-proposal from NRC	Will provide NRC with comment letter
CF-5b	Comment on NUREG-1778	Complete
FP-2	Industry Response to NRC Position on NEI 02-03	Change date to March 31, 2004
FP-4	Epoxy Coatings/flame spread (10/10/03) call	Change date to March 31, 2004
FP-5	2003 National Regional Utility Group action item on NRC regional public workshops (mtg 8/21/03)	Change date to April 30, 2004

The NRC provided the status for several items.

Tracking #	Topic	Update/Action
805-4	NFPA	
CF-2	NEI 00-01 full response	Priority set as High with action scheduled by April 5-6
CF-4	Associated Circuits Inspections	Add status of related Inspection procedure
CF-4a	Associate Circuit Inspections	Show actions regarding RIS as complete
CF-5a	Issue NUREG-1778	Complete - Draft NUREG issued January 2004
CF-7	Release report on NEI 00-01 pilots	Priority set as Low
FB-1	Hemyc Test Plan	Priority set as Low
FP-2	Industry Response to NRC position on NEI 02-03	Priority set as Medium/Low
FP-3	Use of fire watches for non-safety compliance issues (mtg 8-21-03)	Follow-up on status of compensatory measure white paper
FP-4	Epoxy Coatings/flame spread (10/10/03) call	Priority set as Medium
FP-5	2003 National Regional Utility Group action item on NRC regional public workshops (mtg 8/21/03)	Priority set as Low
I/SA-4	Determine feasibility of developing Performance Indicator for Fire Brigades	Priority set as Low
MA-1	Draft feasibility criteria handed out at October 17 Meeting - Develop SECY	Priority set as High; deleted actions to hold meeting
MA-3	Alternate shutdown manual actions	Obtain NRC position on use of interim feasibility for both alternate and redundant shutdown manual actions by April 8 th

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