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1. Congressmen Dingle and Markey have sent a letter to the commission re: concerns that the industry is guiding our plan for manual actions rulemaking too much. Also concerned about use of security officers on the fire brigade and other "collateral" duties post-9/11. We need to be careful not to indicate in our reports that any unapproved manual actions are acceptable.
2. External stakeholder has requested that all the old Thermo-Lag orders NRC has issued be posted on the web. In general, the answer is no. But HQ has scanned these documents into ADAMS so we can access them for our inspections. SPLB has extensive hard-copy files on Thermo-Lag. Contact Ray Gallucci or Eva Brown for more info.
3. SPLB briefed the Commission on status of closing FP issues. Chairman wants the backlog to be reduced as quickly as possible (especially issues like Hemyc that are very old). Will be sending copy of presentation slides to the regions. Kathleen - you need to provide feedback to Robert Radlinski (RFR1) on whether we think their plan to close these issues will be effective and adequate.
4. NFPA is changing its fee structure (i.e., \$100/person) and HQs needs to know if they should negotiate a different deal or cancel completely. One item Dan is forwarding for consideration is getting on-line access to the "old" codes. This would be more useful since the licensees don't always have a copy of the codes they are licensed to. Kathleen - you need to let Dan Frumpkin know how many RI people (FP inspectors, SRIs, RIs, etc.) need to have access to the on-line NFPA codes.
5. Question of what manual action(s) is(are) allowed to be taken during MCR evacuation (ASSD) (i.e., trip reactor only [per GL 86-10]). Also, what assumptions can be made re: the MCR fire scenario (i.e., LOSP, one spurious actuation). See RG 1.189. It is a good resource for describing acceptable methods (to NRC) for fire protection. (See Sec. 5.6.2, p. 94 for MCR issue above.)
6. Associated circuits training will probably be held in HQ on June 2-3. Right now, there will not be other sessions. Since many of us will be on inspection the following week, this would normally be the prep week for those inspections. Plan on doing your prep the week of May 24th in case it's decided you'll be going to this training. (Not everyone may go. Maybe focus on EE's. Still being evaluated.)

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