

Comp Measures

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SUBJECT: WHITE PAPER ON ALTERNATIVE FIRE PROTECTION
COMPENSATORY MEASURES

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify a concern raised by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) regarding fire protection compensatory measures.

The NEI conveyed to the NRC that there is lack of understanding on the part of the industry about how fire watches may be utilized as a compensatory measure. For example, licensees may use fire watches as a compensatory measure while other measures may be more appropriate or use fire watches inappropriately. The Information Notice 97-48, "Inadequate or Inappropriate Interim Fire Protection Compensatory Measures," dated July 9, 1997 provided some guidance to the licensee on this subject. The attached white paper clarifies this issue further.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Attachment: As stated

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