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ORGANIZATION: Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON MARCH 9, 2004, BETWEEN THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF AND THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE ON THE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS AND UPDATING THE LICENSE RENEWAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

On March 9, 2004, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff met with Nuclear Energy Institute and utility representatives to discuss the status, observations, and lessons learned on the pilot program for the new license renewal application (LRA) review process and the status of the staff's plans for updating the license renewal guidance documents. Enclosure 1 is a list of the meeting attendees. Enclosure 2 is the presentation materials used by the NRC staff. Enclosure 3 is the presentation and discussion materials that the industry representatives provided to the meeting participants. Enclosure 4 is the meeting agenda.

With respect to the new LRA review process, the staff acknowledged the cooperation of the pilot plant applicants and noted that based on its experience and observations under the pilot program and on its discussions with NEI and the pilot plant applicants, the process has been generally successful. Industry representatives attending the meeting agreed that the new process has generally met its objective of improving the efficiency of the review process. In particular, the representatives noted that the process, which calls for the NRC project team to perform most of its audit and review work on site, facilitates direct interaction and communication between the individual applicants and the team members, thereby significantly reducing the time and effort needed to develop and respond to issues and questions. Both the staff and the industry representatives agreed that a more thorough assessment of the results of the new review process should be performed before drawing final conclusions about the process. The staff indicated that it planned to perform a detailed assessment, including an assessment of costs and the impact of the new process on the numbers of formal questions asked by the staff during the review (i.e., requests for additional information).

The discussion of the staff's plans for updating the license renewal guidance documents focused on the staff's assessment of NEI's proposed approach for updating the Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) report (ML040860482). The staff noted that NEI's proposal was basically sound and discussed a few items that needed to be addressed before the staff could complete its update of the GALL report. These items are identified in the materials the staff used to deliver its presentation during the meeting (Enclosure 2). NEI agreed to consider these items and to reflect their resolutions, as appropriate, in its final proposal for updating the GALL report. During the meeting, industry representatives also led a discussion about NEI's proposed approach for updating the GALL report. The representative provided an overview of the proposed changes, the objectives of the proposed changes, and information on how the proposed changes could be incorporated into an update of the GALL report. This information is detailed in Enclosure 3.

The staff and NEI representatives agreed to hold a follow-up meeting after NEI submits its final proposal for updating the GALL report and the staff has completed its preliminary review of the submittal.

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March 9, 2004

(9:00am - 12:00 noon)

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