

SPENT FUEL PROJECT OFFICE LICENSING PROCESS CONFERENCE

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters

We are planning an exciting program and welcome your active participation.

Purpose: This conference is sponsored by the Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The conference is being held as part of the NRC staff's initiative to continuously improve the process for 10 CFR Part 71 and 10 CFR Part 72 licensing and certification actions. Participants are encouraged to interact with the NRC staff and with colleagues to discuss insights on how our interactions could be more effective and efficient.

Format: Conference topics include SFPO's "rules of engagement" with licensees, lessons learned regarding the existing licensing processes, and an open discussion on ideas for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the licensing process. This information will center on where the licensing process has taken us, its current status, and where it will go in the next 3 - 5 years. Participants include SFPO management and staff, representatives from industry, and other stakeholders.

AGENDA

7:30 - 8:00 am	Check In
8:00 - 8:15 am	Welcome and Introductions
8:15 - 8:30 am	Opening Remarks
8:30 - 9:30 am	Session 1 – Rules of Engagement Objective: The rules of engagement were originally prepared to establish a consistent methodology and expectation for reviewing applications and interacting with applicants. This session will consist of a 30-minute presentation, with a 30-minute question-and-answer (Q&A) period immediately following.
9:30 - 9:45 am	Break
9:45 - 11:45 am	Session 2 – Lessons Learned - Historical Perspectives Objective: A panel of presenters will report on lessons they have learned during the licensing process. A one-hour Q&A session will commence immediately following the presentations.
11:45 - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Afternoon Session Opening Comments
1:15 - 2:30 pm	Session 3 – Licensing Process Improvement - Looking Forward Objective: To solicit feedback from stakeholders on ideas for how to make the licensing process more effective and efficient. Questions will focus on broad licensing process topics, such as communications, schedules and timeliness, quality of Requests for Additional Information (RAIs), Safety Evaluation Reports (SERs), Certificates of Compliance (CoCs), Technical Specifications (Tech Specs), etc.
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 - 4:00 pm	Resume Session 3
4:00 - 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks