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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2005, WITH
THE WESTINGHOUSE OWNERS GROUP EXECUTIVE
MANAGEMENT GROUP AND THE NRC SENIOR MANAGEMENT

On March 7, 2005, Executive Management Group of the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) met with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Senior Management to discuss a variety of issues of interest to the WOG and the NRC senior management.

Mr. Gregg Overbeck provided opening remarks for the WOG. Mr. James Dyer, Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, provided opening remarks concerning the present challenges to the NRC staff, particularly in the areas of the NRC budget and prioritization of NRC resources. Mr. Dyer also mentioned some of the current important issues such as 10 CFR50.46 rulemaking, power uprates, grid reliability, reactor oversight cross cutting issues, and the significance determination process (SDP). Mr. Ted Schiffley then began the detailed presentation for the WOG with an overview of the growing WOG membership which now includes 26 members in the United States and 10 members abroad. He explained that the WOG represents 35 utilities, with 154 operating reactors at 72 sites in 11 countries. One-third of all the world's operating reactors are members of the WOG. A significant message brought out in the meeting is that this organization has unparalleled opportunities to share best practices on a global scale. The WOG officers were then identified. The WOG mission was described as supporting safe and reliable plant operations, to effectively leverage the resources of its members, to provide a forum for joint discussion and resolution of common issues and to share best practices and lessons-learned among its U.S. and international members. Next, Mr. Schiffley discussed transition of Babcock & Wilcox units into the WOG which is expected to be completed by December 31, 2005. Mr. Schiffley also discussed examples of the WOG/NRC cooperative successes, excellent support from the NRC, and improved communications and better understanding between the WOG and the NRC.

After the introductory part of the meeting, Mr. Schiffley discussed the following WOG topics of interest:

- Risk Informed Extension of Reactor Vessel Inservice Inspection Interval (WCAP-16168)

The WOG expressed their desire for the NRC to proceed expeditiously on the pressurized thermal shock (PTS) rulemaking work being completed by the NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES), and to accept a revised WCAP-16168 for review in parallel with review of the draft Reg Guide related to the PTS work. The NRC management explained that the PTS rulemaking is a relatively low priority. The staff discussed the timing of the revised WCAP-16168 submittal and stated that the WOG can submit the WCAP anytime they desire to do so. The staff reiterated that the WOG will be responsible to technically defend the use of the RES data in WCAP-16168.

- WOG program for two inoperable channels of Reactor Trip System (RTS) and Engineered Safety Features Actuation System (ESFAS) instrumentations

During the review of a proposed WOG program for two inoperable RTS and ESFAS channels, the staff stated that adding an Action to the standard Tech Specs conflicts with how Tech Specs are currently applied. The WOG submitted a White Paper on this issue which is under review by the staff. The WOG asked the NRC to move forward with the review. The NRC staff committed to expeditiously review the WOG White Paper for the two inoperable channels of RTS and ESFAS and treatment of single failure by the Technical Specifications.

- Topical report review/approval process.

The WOG expressed their need to meet the dates they agree to with the NRC. The NRC staff responded that sometimes the NRC schedule has to slip, since topical reports do not have high priority at the NRC. The NRC staff acknowledged that resource issues can result in changes in staff assignments to review the WOG topical reports, but that the NRC management strives to minimize the impact of those situations on topical report reviews.

After the WOG presentation, the NRC staff presented the NRC topics of interest 10 CFR 50.46a rulemaking on the large break loss of coolant redefinition, and industry guidelines for inspection of dissimilar metal welds in American Society of Mechanical Engineers Class 1 piping. At the end, Dr. Brian Sheron also briefly mentioned some other topics of interest such as Justification for Continued Operation (JCO), Coating, and general sump issues.

The following Action items were noted in this meeting:

1. The WOG will reconsider its plan to resubmit WCAP-16168 before the work, performed by the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, related to the pressurized thermal shock rulemaking is completed and reviewed by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.
2. The NRC staff will expedite its review of the WOG White Paper on two inoperable channels in RTS and ESFAS, and provide the WOG with a response.

3. The NRC staff will employ a disciplined approach in setting up the due dates for the topical report reviews.

At this point the meeting was concluded with comments from both groups that the meeting was successful. No regulatory decisions were made. Following the meeting, the NRC management expressed its appreciation to the WOG for the meeting. An attendance list is provided in the attachment. The slides used during the meeting are available in the Agencywide Documents Access Management System under accession number ML050740008.

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