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ORGANIZATION: NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE LICENSING ACTION TASK FORCE
SUBGROUP

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JULY 26, 2005, MEETING WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY
INSTITUTE LICENSING ACTION TASK FORCE SUBGROUP ON
EVALUATION OF TRENDS OF REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION

On July 26, 2005, a Category 2 public meeting was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Licensing Action Task Force (LATF) at NRC Headquarters, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss evaluation of trends of requests for additional information (RAI). A list of attendees is provided as Enclosure 1, a copy of the agenda is provided as Enclosure 2, and an NEI provided handout on RAI categories is provided as Enclosure 3.

The NRC staff and NEI/LATF subgroup discussed a pilot effort to collect RAI categorization data. For all draft and final RAI questions that will be issued beginning in August 2005, the NRC staff and licensees will assign a categorization code to each question. This data will be tabulated for monitoring and evaluation purposes. The pilot effort is limited to reactors assigned to two NRR projects sections covering half of the plants in Region III and in Region IV. A proposed list of RAI categorization codes (attached) was discussed in response to feedback that previously used listings of codes needed to be streamlined. The attached listing will be used, after incorporation of comments, for further categorization efforts.

The participants discussed the status of data trending activities. Results to date include evaluation of the number of supplements per licensing action for those actions that were completed in 2002, 2003, and 2004. Effort is ongoing to expand the data beyond these three years, and consideration will be given to counting the number of RAI questions for data trending purposes.

The participants also discussed the results of the four case studies completed to date and lessons learned from the effort. The NRC staff and NEI/LATF subgroup are conducting case studies of recently completed Part 50 licensing actions to obtain insights for the quality of licensee requests, the appropriateness of RAI questions that were asked, the categorization codes for RAI questions, and potential causes of observed RAI data trends. The participants discussed conducting an additional six case studies by October 2005, and to include in these case studies actions involving precedent cases and multiple rounds of RAI questions.

Public feedback forms were distributed. No comments were received from members of the public during the meeting.

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2. Revised Agenda
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LIST OF ATTENDEES
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NRC/INDUSTRY LICENSING ACTION TASK FORCE SUBGROUP MEETING
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AGENDA
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|----------------|---|
| 1:00 - 1:15 pm | Introductions and Background |
| 1:15 - 3:30 pm | RAI Trend Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Data Trends- Pilot Case Studies- RAI Data Collection Effort- Schedule and Resources |
| 3:30 - 4:00 pm | Questions and Discussions |

RAI CATEGORIZATION
(Woodlan 6/22/05)

1. More information is needed because of:
 - a. Complex LAR
 - b. First-of-a-kind LAR
 - c. NRC change in regulatory significance or focus
 - d. NRC change in accepted methodology or guidance
 - e. Licensee reduction in acceptable safety margin
 - f. Previous RAI response was not adequate

2. The review cannot be completed without additional clarification or explanation of:
 - a. Technical basis, data, calculations, methods, assumptions, and/or results
 - b. Comparison to relevant guidance documents
 - c. Radiological consequences
 - d. No Significant Hazards Consideration
 - e. Environmental considerations
 - f. Applicable regulatory requirements
 - g. Some information provided is incorrect and needs to be corrected
 - h. Confirmation that results are bounding

3. An RAI is not warranted if:
 - a. Not directly related to the LAR
 - b. Inconsistent with applicable standards, guidance, or codes
 - c. The information is accessible from readily available source
 - d. The information is not safety significant or pertinent to the regulatory finding
 - e. A knowledgeable reviewer should be familiar with the topic
 - f. It requests a formal commitment

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