

September 26, 2005

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON JULY 28, 2005, BETWEEN THE
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF AND INDUSTRY
LICENSING ACTION TASK FORCE

Members of the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) hosted a meeting with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and licensees comprising the Licensing Action Task Force (LATF) on July 28, 2005, at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. This meeting was open to the public. A list of attendees is provided as Attachment 1.

A summary of the discussion is provided below:

1. Request for Additional Information (RAI) Trend Evaluation Project

Gene Suh presented a summary of the activities of the NRC and NEI RAI teams. The data collection effort is underway. The teams have identified an increasing trend over the last 3 years and will expand the scope to include earlier years. The teams have also completed 4 case studies with a goal of completing between 10 and 20. The teams expect to present the results of these efforts at the 2005 Licensing Forum this fall. The NRC is initiating a pilot program to assign a category code for new RAIs. A listing of these codes was distributed (see Attachment 2). Gene also discussed an NRC effort to develop a process for issuing non-acceptance or denial letters for submittals that do not meet our minimum criteria for review.

2. Licensing Action Request (LAR) Guideline Development

NEI stated that they will have a draft of the guideline available for discussion at the Licensing Forum (see Attachment 4). NEI requested that the NRC identify an interface (person or group) with NEI's LAR Guideline Team. Bill Reckley stated that he would be the point of contact and that he will form an NRC team to work with the industry on the development of this guideline.

There was a discussion on potential revisions to NRC metrics for licensing actions. NEI indicated that they would provide input to the staff by September 2005.

3. Generic Issue Management

NEI has formed a team to develop a problem statement that will be presented at the 2005 Licensing Forum. NEI requested an NRC staff member be assigned as their point of contact on

this issue. Bill Reckley stated that the revision to LIC-101 that is expected to be issued in September 2005 will incorporate some information on this effort.

4. Operability Determinations (Generic Letter 91-18)

A workshop was held on July 14, 2005. NRC staff stated that the final Inspection Manual Chapter will be published in September 2005 and training will be provided to the inspectors during the inspector counterpart meetings this fall. The NRC and industry participants agreed with the need for a workshop for licensees. Mike Schoppman will work with Carl Schulten to arrange a workshop.

5. Alternative Source Term Amendments

Mike Tschiltz presented a summary of the NRC's efforts to review alternative source term amendments (see Attachment 3). He stated that the reviews are taking too long and require multiple rounds of RAIs that result in re-analysis. The NRC will generate a Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) and hold a workshop this fall. The purpose of the RIS and the workshop will be to share lessons learned and make future reviews more efficient. NEI committed to identify a point of contact for this issue. Licensees indicated that they would like to have the RIS issued in draft form for their review.

6. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Process

NEI discussed its plans for adding an FAQ page to its website for licensees to use.

7. Comments on Topical Report Process

NEI presented its concern that recent changes to the NRC process for reviewing topical reports will decrease the efficiency of the process. NEI plans to submit a letter discussing its concerns by September 1, 2005, and would like to hold a meeting after the staff receives the response.

8. 10 CFR 50.46 - NEI comments on proposed RIS

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- Attachments:
1. List of Attendees
 2. NRC Handout - RAI Categories
 3. NRC Handout - Alternative Source Term Amendments
 4. NEI Handout

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cc w/atts: See next page Attachment 3: **ML052210283** Attachment 4: **ML052210296**
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LICENSING ACTION TASK FORCE MEETING

JULY 28, 2005

LIST OF ATTENDEES

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Donald Hoffman	Excel Services
Deann Ralieggh	Scientech
Rick Garner	Progress Energy
Charles Brinkman	Westinghouse
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Ben George	Southern Nuclear
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RAI CATEGORIES

(Select only one, most dominant category for each RAI question)

1. More information is needed because of:
 - a. complexity of request
 - b. first-of-a-kind nature of request
 - c. NRC change in regulatory significance or focus
 - d. NRC questions on previously used methodology or guidance
 - e. licensee change to previously used methodology
 - f. licensee reduction in current safety margin

2. The review cannot be completed without additional explanation or clarification of:
 - a. input variables or analytical assumptions
 - b. methodology used or results obtained
 - c. applicability or bounding nature of third party analyses or data correlations
 - d. differences from NRC guidance documents (SRP, RG, etc.)
 - e. no significant hazards consideration discussion
 - f. environmental considerations discussion
 - g. applicable regulatory requirements discussion
 - h. information that appears to be incorrect and needs to be corrected
 - i. response to previous RAI appears inadequate

3. Reviewer requesting information even though the question is, or the question asks for:
 - a. not directly related to the request
 - b. inconsistent with applicable codes, standards, RGs, or SRP sections
 - c. information accessible from readily available sources and was explicitly referenced
 - d. information that is not safety significant or pertinent to the regulatory finding
 - e. information that is known to engineers who work in the general technical area
 - f. a formal commitment

4. Other (please specify)

