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**SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZATION PROCESS FOR LICENSING SUBMITTALS
UNDER THE PHASED APPROACH TO
PROBABILISTIC RISK ASSESSMENT (PRA) QUALITY MEETING
December 12, 2005
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. Presentation on Process (U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission)
2. Break
3. Group Discussion (Group)
4. Break
5. Future Activity (Group)
6. General Discussion (All)
7. Adjourn

Attendees

1. Gareth Parry
2. Michael Tschiltz
3. Michele Laur
4. Nancy Chapman
5. Steve Dolley
6. Gerhard Samide (post meeting adjournment arrival)

Meeting Notes

Opening Remarks and Discussions

The following documents were made available to attendees at the start of the meeting:

- Final Meeting Agenda
- Prioritization Process
- PowerPoint Presentation

Gareth Parry opened the meeting with sign-in of meeting attendees and distribution of documents. Following sign-in, Michael Tschiltz discussed industry's past interest in the prioritization process as part of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Phased Approach to PRA Quality. Given the indication of past interest, NRC scheduled today's meeting to provide an opportunity for feedback on the draft document entitled "Prioritization Process for Staff Review of Licensee Risk-Informed Submittals."

Michael Tschiltz framed the issue by providing an overview of the driving force for NRC to develop the process, indicating NRC's concern about its ability to complete submittal reviews within its time metric should licensees fully utilize the various risk-informed application opportunities. He provided a current example to illustrate some of the potential roadblocks to an efficient submittal review by discussing delays encountered with the receipt of an endorsable

guidance document and the impact of this delay on the submittal review process. He indicated that the prioritization process addresses this issue and should result in efficient review of licensee submittals in the future.

In lieu of a detailed discussion of Mr. Parry's presentation, attendees agreed to quickly review the NRC presentation material. After this review, attendees indicated that they had no questions related to the presentation material and had no comments on the prioritization process document. However, attendees expressed interest in any other feedback the NRC may have received on the process. In response, Gareth Parry indicated that Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) provided verbal comments to NRC prior to the meeting (see Enclosure 2). Mr. Parry outlined the NEI comments for the attendees. At the conclusion of the discussion of NEI's comments, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Action Items

1. NRC to review NEI feedback and disposition it.

NEI VERBAL COMMENTS

2. It is not clear that the A and B categories (see page 3 of the process document) apply only to Phase 1 applications.
3. The prioritization scheme does not specify how Phase 2 applications will be prioritized.
4. In the scoring scheme for Safety (see page 5 of the process document), the assignment of -4 points for a marginal reduction in safety might be considered too harsh.