

June 26, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: James W. Andersen, Chief
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SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY ON THE REACTOR OVERSIGHT
PROCESS HELD ON JUNE 14, 2006

On June 14, 2006, the staff hosted the monthly Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) working group public meeting. The attendance list for the meeting is contained in Attachment 1. The agenda for the meeting is contained in Attachment 2.

The participants discussed Mitigation System Performance Index (MSPI) implementation, guidance interpretation issues, and the need for additional industry MSPI training. Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) stated that a decision has not yet been made whether to pursue additional broad based communications with the industry. The working group agreed that resolving feedback early will help prevent an excessive number of frequently asked questions (FAQ) relating to MSPI. Other topics discussed included the schedule for issuance of the Regulatory Information Summary (RIS) and the Temporary Instruction. The staff committed to putting the MSPI training information on the publically available portion of the NRC web. The working group also agreed that the next meeting will include a discussion of MSPI lessons learned and two guidance interpretation issues. The two issues will be drafted outside of the meeting and brought forward for discussion at the next meeting.

Safety culture transition and implementation issues were also discussed. The staff noted that the SECY on safety culture and the safety culture training presentation are both available on the public web site. The staff noted that the RIS will likely be issued next month and the inspection procedures will be on the public web site prior to the end of this month, along with resolution of industry comments. During the meeting, NEI announced they are preparing a letter to highlight the industry concern with safety culture implementation issues, such as an observed increase in the number of cross-cutting issues and slippage of safety culture related dates.

In the security area the staff stated that a commitment has been made to the Commission to run a pilot of both the staff and the industry proposals for the physical protection significance determination process (SDP). Also, the staff noted that a SECY is being drafted which proposes elimination of the security performance indicators (PI).

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ATTENDANCE LIST
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June 14, 2006

	NAME	AFFILIATION
1.	John Thompson	NRC
2.	Jim Andersen	NRC
3.	John Butler	NEI
4.	Deann Ralieggh	Scientech
5.	Kiyoto Tahabe	NRC
6.	Tony Pietrangelo	NEI
7.	Lenny Sueper	NMC
8.	Terry Beltz	NRC
9.	Kay Nicholson	Duke
10.	Fred Mashburn	TVA
11.	Robin Ritzman	FENOC
12.	W.E. Mookhoek S	TP
13.	Greg Gibson	SoCalEd
14.	Mark Tonacci	NRC
15.	Bob Gramm	NRC
16.	John Giddens	Southern Nuclear
17.	Rick Thomas	Entergy
18.	See Meng Wong	NRC/NRR/DRA
19.	Duane Kanitz	APS/STARS
20.	David J. Distel	Exelon
21.	Russ Bywater	NRC
22.	Don Dube	NRC
23.	Jim Strnisha	NRC
24.	Peter Appignani	NRC

ROP WORKING GROUP PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

June 14, 2006

9:00 - 4:00 p.m. (O7B4)

Phone: 888-323-9687; 38820; Leader: Tonacci

- 9:00 - 9:05 a.m. Introduction and Purpose of Meeting
- 9:05 - 10:15 a.m. Discussion of MSPI Implementation and Training Issues
- 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Discussion of Safety Culture ROP Issues
- 10:45 - 11:30 p.m. Discussion of Security ROP Issues
- 11:30 - 12:00 p.m. Discussion of PI Program Improvements
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Discussion of Open and New PI Frequently Asked Questions
- 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 - 4:00 p.m. Inspection Program Branch Topics
Selection of Future Meeting Dates/Topics
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn