

August 9, 2007

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO DOE'S LICENSING PROCESS TOPICS, FOR FUTURE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION/U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY INTERACTIONS, LETTER OF JULY 10, 2007

Dear Ms. Gil:

In a letter dated July 10, 2007, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided a list of licensing process issues for discussion over the next several months.

These topics are appropriate for discussion at public Technical Exchanges/Management Meetings between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and DOE. We propose to hold the first of these meetings early in September, at the NRC Hearing Facility in Las Vegas, NV. NRC will issue the public notice, with a tentative agenda, no later than 10 days before the meeting date. We expect that discussions at the meeting will consider, but not necessarily be limited to, those topics listed in your July 10, 2007, letter.

Regarding one of the topics on your list, Electronic Information Exchange (EIE) Process, note that Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 63.4, "Communications and records," discusses electronic submissions, as well as delivery of documents to the NRC Headquarters. Under 10 CFR 63.22, DOE is required to submit the license application, in triplicate, on paper and optical storage media. With respect to EIE submissions, DOE should become familiar with the following guidance in website: <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/electronic-sub-ref-mat.html>.

Finally, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of NRC's "Rules of General Applicability," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically, in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's document system Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS package accession number is ML072190117. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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NRC looks forward to these meetings. Please contact Brian Benney of my staff, at 301-492-3193 or by e-mail, at bjb@nrc.gov, for any questions on these planned interactions.

Sincerely,

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