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MEMORANDUM TO: Michael Junge, Chief
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JANUARY 8, 2008, CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC MEETING
WITH THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE TO DISCUSS NEW
REACTOR OPERATOR LICENSING INITIATIVES

On January 8, 2008, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), industry representatives, and vendors to discuss the operator licensing white papers (ADAMS Accession Number ML080150100) submitted by NEI on December 13, 2007. Enclosure 1 lists the attendees at the meeting and individuals who participated via teleconference; no members of the general public were present. Enclosure 2 is the meeting agenda. Information presented by NEI and industry representatives at the meeting is available in ADAMS at Accession Number ML080150006.

The New Reactor operator licensing white paper discusses cold licensing of the projected 450 licensed operators necessary to operate the new nuclear power plants. Cold licensing is a process used prior to fuel load that provides a method for operations personnel to acquire the knowledge and experience required for licensed operator duties following construction.

Meeting participants agreed that time spent obtaining experience prior to licensing must be meaningful and consistently calculated. The final determination of meeting the experience requirements rests with the NRC. Consensus between the NRC and NEI was reached in the areas of training program accreditation and implementation, in-plant JPMs and on-shift OJT during construction, simulator training using a part task/limited scope simulator, continuing training prior to and following NRC licensing exams, and scheduling of licensing examinations.

The NRC noted that additional guidance needs to be developed in the areas of:

documentation of experience, for each individual, used to meet the "cold license" eligibility guidance,

and, overall operating crew experience.

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Enclosure:

1. List of Attendees
2. Meeting Agenda

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Public Meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)
 Discussion of New Reactor Operator Licensing Initiatives
 January 8, 2008
 Meeting Attendees

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Jack Roe	NEI
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**PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE ON
NEW REACTOR OPERATOR LICENSING**

DATE/TIME: January 8, 2008/9:00am-1:00pm

LOCATION: Nuclear Energy Institute
4 Main Conference Room
1776 I Street NW
Washington DC

PURPOSE: Discuss comments on NEI White Papers

Desired Outcomes: *By the end of this session, we will have:*

- Reviewed comments on NEI White Papers
- Developed a common understanding of the requirements for cold licensing of operators

AGENDA		
TOPIC (content)	WHO (leader)	Time (minutes)
Meeting Introductions: • Opening comments	Junge	15
Training Program Accreditation (Desired Outcome) Understanding of Accreditation timing and expectations	NRC	15
JPM's and OJT During Construction Phase (Desired Outcome) Understanding of the use of JPM's and OJT during the construction phase	NRC	15
Simulator Training using Part Task/Limited Scope Simulator (Desired Outcome) Understanding of the use of Limited Scope and Plant-Referenced Simulators	NRC	15

Continuing Training (prior to license exam and after) (Desired Outcome) Understanding of the continuing training plans	NRC	20
Scheduling of NRC License Examinations (Desired Outcome) Understanding of licensed operator examination plans	NRC	15
Crew Experience Requirements During First Year of Operation (Desired Outcome) Understanding of level of experience required	NEI	30
Experience Requirements for License Candidates (Desired Outcome) Understanding of level of experience required	NEI	90
Review of agenda and action items (Desired Outcome) Understanding of action, responsibility and due date	NRC	30
Next Steps	Junge	10

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