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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JANUARY 31, 2008, CATEGORY 3 PUBLIC MEETING
TO GATHER PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT OFFICE
INSTRUCTION ON PERFORMING ACCEPTANCE REVIEWS

On January 31, 2008, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff conducted a Category 3 public meeting to discuss the development of guidance for the staff in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) in performing acceptance reviews. A notice for this meeting was issued on January 11, 2008, and is available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML080030411. The attendance sheet is included as Enclosure 1 to this memorandum.

The purpose of this meeting was to foster an open discussion of the NRR procedure, which is currently under development, and to solicit comments and questions from the public. The public was provided a redacted copy of the procedure via the initial meeting notice. The redacted copy contained the external time-frames, evaluation criteria, and licensee interfaces, while omitting guidance relating to internal interactions and time-frames.

The meeting was opened by a discussion of the background and objectives of the procedure. In this discussion, the need for the procedure was discussed, along with the short- and long-term goals, and actions critical to its successful implementation. Following the opening discussion, a brief description of the current draft procedure was given where each step of the procedure was discussed along with examples of expected input situations and resultant decisions. The presentation slides are included as Enclosure 2 to this memorandum.

Following the brief discussion of the procedure, an open discussion of the draft procedure was held in a section-by-section format. The stakeholders in attendance expressed general support for the procedure, while noting a small number of alternate views. The majority of the comments received related to the clarity of the procedure. For the most part the stakeholders, following discussion, agreed with the intent of the NRC but they identified that the wording had the potential to be misinterpreted. These areas of the procedure were noted and will be evaluated for enhancement of their clarity. Additionally, some stakeholders indicated that they would provide additional written comments and suggestions. The NRC staff encouraged

the submission of comments and identified that although there would not be a formal response to each, all input would be considered. The staff asked that comments be submitted by February 15, 2008, noting that input and feedback would continue to be welcomed for possible, later, updates to the procedure. It was then reiterated that comments may be submitted via e-mail to gxm@nrc.gov.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the meeting was briefly reviewed, and the planned implementation of the final procedure in April 2008 was discussed. Additionally, meeting participants were informed of the availability of meeting feedback forms and were encouraged to provide feedback. Subsequently, the meeting was adjourned. No commitments or regulatory decisions were made during this meeting.

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