

## MEMORANDUM

TO: R. P. Savio  
FROM: J. N. Sorensen *JNS*  
DATE: October 13, 1998  
SUBJECT: Steering Committee for Risk Informed Activities

I attended the October 1, 1998 meeting of the Steering Committee for Risk Informed Activities as an observer.

The first item on the agenda was review and approval of the charter for the steering Committee and the charter for the related Risk Informed Licensing Panel. Copies of both charters as proposed and approved are attached.

The second agenda item was discussion of the proposed accelerated schedule for staff development of an options paper on how to make Part 50 risk informed. This is the same proposal discussed with the PRA Subcommittee at its September 24, 1998 meeting. After a great deal of skeptical discussion on the feasibility of the proposed schedule, the committee approved the staff's proposal.

The third agenda item was a report by Ashok Thadani on the September 5 meeting of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) group examining the NRC's regulation of power reactors. The study group has three working groups. One working group, headed by David Lochbaum, will look at the implementation of the regulatory process, including how safety is defined. The second working group, headed by Paul Portney of Resources for the Future, will look at emerging issues, including license renewal, license transfer and impacts of industry restructuring. Ashok Thadani and Steve Floyd of NEI are associated with this second group. The third group, headed by Dale Klein of the University of Texas, will look at NRC processes, such as licensing, hearings, and rulemaking.

The study group is planning to have a first draft of their report to the CSIS steering committee by mid-December. They are asking for NRC input to support that schedule. Sam Collins noted that he has no budget to support the CSIS work.

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**Attachment 1****Charter - PRA Steering Committee**

**The PRA Steering Committee has the following responsibilities:**

- **Review of inter-office PRA Implementation Plan (PRA IP) activities to provide guidance and coordination on priority, resource allocation, and schedules related to agency risk-informed activities as well as resolution of inter-office issues compromising activity quality or schedules.**
- **Resolution of policy issues identified in the course of accomplishing PRA IP activities which do not require EC or Commission approval, and raising policy issues requiring such approval, with recommendations, to the appropriate level.**
- **Identification of new activities to be included in the PRA IP (and office-specific operating plans)**
- **Interaction with the public and senior industry management on topics of mutual interest.**

**The Steering Committee will consist of the directors of AEOD, NMSS, NRR, OE, and RES, one Regional Administrator, and a representative of OGC. The Committee will be chaired by the director, RES, with secretariat functions performed by RES.**

**The Steering Committee will meet no less often than quarterly or as appropriate. Additional meetings can be scheduled and held at the request of any member. Summaries of all meetings will be included in the PRA IP quarterly updates.**

**Attachment 2****Risk Informed Licensing Panel****Charter:**

The purpose of this panel is to streamline the review of risk informed licensing actions by serving as a focal point for resolution of technical issues and for guidance on policy implementation to NRR staff. This panel will provide a forum for the staff, licensees, owners groups, or the public to receive management attention on issues. The panel will also monitor the overall implementation of risk informed licensing actions. To be able to operate effectively as a decision making body, this panel has been empowered to resolve technical differences as well as issues associated with implementing risk-informed policy, and to provide direction in those areas that cross branch and division boundaries. The panel will attempt to resolve issues through a consensus process and in other cases will provide a discussion and characterization of alternatives to the NRR Executive Team for final decisions.

**Composition:**

This panel is composed of Division Directors from NRR divisions which participate in licensing reviews. A representative from the Office of Research (RES/DST Director) is also included on the panel, as is a representative from the Office of General Counsel. The members may designate alternates (e.g., Deputy Division Director) to participate in a panel meeting in their place. Representatives from AEOD and NMSS will be invited to the meetings to observe and provide for coordination of activities as appropriate.

**The panel members include:**

<b>DSSA</b>	<b>Gary M. Holahan, Division Director (Chairman)</b>
<b>RES/DST</b>	<b>Thomas L. King, Division Director (Vice-Chairman)</b>
<b>DE</b>	<b>Gus C. Lainas, Acting Director</b>
<b>DRCH</b>	<b>R. Lee Spessard, Director</b>
<b>DRP</b>	<b>Elinor G. Adensam, Acting Director</b>
<b>DRPM</b>	<b>Jack W. Roe, Acting Director</b>
<b>OGC</b>	<b>Janice E. Moore, Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Advanced Reactor, License Renewal, and Special Proceedings</b>

Meetings of the panel will be called by the Chairman when issues are identified which require coordination and resolution.