

March 11, 2009

MEMORANDUM TO: Rani Franovich, Chief
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS MONTHLY
PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2009

On February 11, 2009, the staff hosted the monthly Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Working Group public meeting. The attendance list for the meeting is contained in Enclosure 1, and the agenda is contained in Enclosure 2.

The industry provided comments on the staff's initiative to integrate traditional enforcement into the operating reactor assessment program. Meeting attendees discussed proposed changes to Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 99-02, "Regulatory Assessment Performance Indicator Guideline," and discussed an ROP Frequently Asked Question (FAQ).

The NEI ROP Task Force offered additional input to the NRC-sponsored working meeting, held in January 2009, on integrating traditional enforcement into the operating reactor assessment program (Enclosure 3). The staff reached consensus with industry on the proposal to split traditional enforcement actions from the significance determination process. The industry presented alternatives to the staff's position and provided additional input regarding the proposed criteria for conducting follow-up inspections. The staff will review the Task Force input and consider the input when making a final decision.

Meeting attendees briefly discussed the staff's four white papers on the Mitigating Systems Performance Index (MSPI) regarding: (1) post-maintenance testing and unavailability (UA), (2) appropriate rounding rule methodology to be used when adding the unavailability (UAI) and unreliability (URI) indices, (3) additional guidelines for when the planned UA baseline can be updated, and (4) a proposed change to the emergency diesel generator (EDG) component boundary. NEI provided additional information for staff review regarding rounding rule methodology, planned UA baseline considerations, and EDG component boundary (Enclosure 3). These potential guidance changes were deferred until the March 2009 meeting pending further staff review.

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INDUSTRY/STAFF ROP PUBLIC MEETING
February 11, 2009**

	NAME	AFFILIATION
1	Shunsuke Ogiya	JNES (Japan)
2	Kenjiro Aono	JNES
3	Donald Rickard	STARS
4	Justin Wearne	PSEG
5	Lenny Sueper	NSPM
6	Jim Peschel	FPL
7	Roy Linthicum	Exelon
8	Mark Giles	Entergy
9	Tom Houghton	NEI
10	Pam Cowan	Exelon
11	Jeannie Rinckel	NEI
12	Robin Ritzman	FENOC
13	Ned Tyler	Constellation Energy
14	Mary Ann Ashley	NRC
15	Gary D. Miller	Dominion
16	Bob Youngblood	INL
17	Rani Franovich	NRC
18	Shaun Anderson	NRC
19	Arthur Salomon	NRC
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REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS (ROP) MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

February 11, 2009 - 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM – TWFN 9A1

9:00 – 9:05 AM	Introduction and Purpose of Meeting
9:05 – 10:30 AM	Performance Assessment Branch Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General topics of interest in the performance assessment area 2. Opportunity for public comment
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 – 12:00 PM	Reactor Inspection Branch Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General topics of interest in the inspection area 2. Opportunity for public comment
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Discussion of Performance Indicator Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potential NEI 99-02 guidance changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSPI “available but not operable” • MSPI rounding error • MSPI planned/unplanned unavailability • MSPI EDG component boundary • EP – siren preconditioning • IE03 – Clarifying 72-hour clock • IE01 – Unplanned scrams 2. EDG failure data 3. NEI 99-02, Revision 6 4. Opportunity for public comment
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Break
2:15 – 3:15 PM	Discussion of Open and New PI Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) <p><i>Note: topic may be moved up if meeting is ahead of schedule. The latest draft FAQs are located on the public web at http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/draft_faqs.pdf. This list is subject to change the day before the meeting based on availability of new draft FAQs provided by the Nuclear Energy Institute. Public comments will be addressed on FAQs following the discussion.</i></p>
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Future Meeting Dates, Action List Status, Agenda Topics