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From: KASS, Leslie [lck@nei.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:36 AM
To: Rebecca Karas; Ram Subbaratnam
Cc: Adrian HEYMER; Christian Araguas; Larry Burkhart; Sarah Gonzalez; Nilesh Chokshi; Clifford Munson; Yong Li; William Reckley
Subject: Re: Fwd: proposed seismic agenda

Categories: Yellow Category

Please dial into this conference number
Dial-in: 877-834-7331

We'll look forward to talking to you on Friday at 1pm. Thanks.

Leslie

-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Karas <RLK@nrc.gov>
To: KASS, Leslie; Ram Subbaratnam <RXS2@nrc.gov>
CC: HEYMER, Adrian; Clifford Munson <CGM1@nrc.gov>; Christian Araguas <CJA2@nrc.gov>; Larry Burkhart <LJB3@nrc.gov>; Nilesh Chokshi <NCC1@nrc.gov>; Sarah Gonzalez <SHG1@nrc.gov>; William Reckley <WDR@nrc.gov>; Yong Li <YXL1@nrc.gov>
Sent: Wed Oct 31 10:16:32 2007
Subject: Re: Fwd: proposed seismic agenda

Thanks, this is helpful. Do you want to call us (my phone at 301-415-7533), or should I call you?

>>> "KASS, Leslie" <lck@nei.org> 10/31/2007-8:30:16 AM >>>

Becky,

Our two areas for discussion are as follows:

- (1) On August 17th, NEI sent in a letter regarding response to NRC questions and revised industry white paper on testing of dynamic soil properties. These documents focus on RC/TS testing. We would like feedback on our answers and revised white paper to ensure the industry approach is acceptable to the staff.
- (2) The staff has been briefed on different approaches to backfill materials in recent application submittals and presentations. We understand from the questions sent to UniStar that the staff has some concerns regarding use of backfill and how an applicant can provide sufficient information in the case where they have not identified the specific materials that will be used given the timing of the application vs. the plant build. We understand all of the staff may not be available. If we could at least have a high level discussion to get this dialogue started, that would be very useful since time is critical.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be working in Rockville and attending the ACRS meetings today and tomorrow. It will be easiest to reach me via email and cell (202) 361-2861. Thank you.

Leslie

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I will check to make sure Yong can support the call at 1pm Friday, but we will likely need to have a followup call, as with only the 2 of us there, we will probably not be able to answer questions on this to a level of detail that your industry reps may desire. It would also be extremely helpful, in that regard, if you could email over a basic set of questions on each of the topics that you plan to ask on those issues so we can better prepare. If you are still in the office tonight, feel free to give me a call. I should be around for the next half hour or so at 301-415-7533.

>>> "KASS, Leslie" <lck@nei.org> 10/30/2007 7:51:32 PM >>>
Rebecca,

I would vote we go ahead and have an update call on Friday. The industry would like to listen and be involved. Based on the update and any questions we have, we can schedule a follow-on call with the right folks as necessary. We want to reach as many applicants BEFORE they submit as possible; so we would like to keep moving as quickly as possible. Thanks for your understanding.

Leslie

-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Karas [mailto:RLK@nrc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 6:59 PM
To: KASS, Leslie; Ram Subbaratnam
Cc: HEYMER, Adrian; Christian Araguas; Larry Burkhart; Nilesh Chokshi; Sarah Gonzalez; William Reckley; Yong Li
Subject: RE: Fwd: proposed seismic agenda

That would be fine. I didn't get an idea of what level of detail you're expecting the issues to be discussed at? Can you let me know how many/who of the participants there will be? Also, I was anticipating that this would be discussed at a fairly high level. If you're asking for a more detailed discussion, we will probably need to do it next week instead so I can line up all the right people and they can be prepared to discuss the issues in some detail. Please let me know. I was initially thinking that we could just briefly discuss this on Friday (just you and I) and then determine which issues needed to be discussed in more detail with my technical folks.

>>> "KASS, Leslie" <lck@nei.org> 10/30/2007 3:40:03 PM >>>
Becky,

I have polled our key folks for this call and 1pm on Friday works much better for us than noon. Please schedule the call for 1pm if possible.
Thanks you for your assistance.

Leslie

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From: KASS, Leslie
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 2:32 PM
To: 'Rebecca Karas'; Ram Subbaratnam
Cc: Christian Araguas; Larry Burkhart; Nilesh Chokshi; Sarah Gonzalez; William Reckley; Yong Li; HEYMER, Adrian
Subject: RE: Fwd: proposed seismic agenda

Becky,

Thank you for your note. I am checking on availability for Friday at noon or 1pm. I believe that day would work much better for the industry. We would want feedback on your assessment of where we stand with backfill materials and the industry white paper for RC/TS testing.

Please let me know if your staff can support either of those times. I will work to gather the right industry participants. Thanks.

Leslie

-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Karas [mailto:RLK@nrc.gov]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 5:55 PM

To: KASS, Leslie; Ram Subbaratnam

Cc: Christian Araguas; Larry Burkhart; Nilesh Chokshi; Sarah Gonzalez; William Reckley; Yong Li

Subject: Re: Fwd: proposed seismic agenda

Leslie,

I understand Adrien and Nilesh talked late last week, and mentioned I should discuss the soils issue (#2 on your list below), and on the seismic PSHA/EPRI updates issue with you via telecon, as Adrien had requested. When would be a good time for you? I am fairly booked, but could talk at 8 or 5 on Thursday, or at noon, 1 or 5 on Friday. I assume you want to talk at a fairly detailed geotech/seismology level?

In which case, I will have to check for the availability of my staff for those times, and I imagine our Calvert and Vogtle PMs may want to sit in as well, even though we are talking only generically about these issues.

If you want to talk at a very high level only, then let me know and we can talk first and then decide if you need more information, or want further discussion.

Becky

Becky Karas

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>>> Ram Subbaratnam 10/29/2007 12:51:13 PM >>>

Here goes.

Ram

>>> "KASS, Leslie" <lck@nei.org > 10/26/2007 9:56 AM >>>

Ram and Bill,

We would like to propose the following agenda items for a seismic meeting on the afternoon of November 14th. We anticipate we'd have about 15~20 industry participants, although that is not an exact science. Please let us know if you have any questions.

*High frequency (Generic approach, where do we stand) *Soils (Constellation & Generic approach) *ISG comment discussion

*GI-199 update - is this still an issue?

Thanks for your assistance.

Leslie

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