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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MARCH 24, 2009, CATEGORY 2 MEETING WITH THE
NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI), INDUSTRY, AND THE
GENERAL PUBLIC, TO DISCUSS NRC'S COMMENTS OF NEI 08-02
"PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION FOR NEW
REACTORS DURING CONSTRUCTION"

On March 24, 2009, a public meeting was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC), Construction Inspection and Allegation Branch of the Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Program (DCIP) in the Office of New Reactors (NRO), Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), industry, and the general public. The meeting was located at the Legacy Hotel, 1775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to continue to discuss the comments provided by NRC to NEI 08-02 document: "Problem Identification and Resolution for New Reactors during Construction" on March 9, 2009. The NRC staff started the meeting by providing a brief summary of the discussion had on the March 9th, 2009 public meeting. NEI proceeded to address the concerns and comments provided by the NRC on the last public meeting. NEI provided a draft revision of NRI 08-02, "Problem Identification and Resolution for New Nuclear Power Plants during Construction" (ADAMS ML0900850257) that addressed the concerns with the document. NEI stated that the industry wanted this document to be high level to help guide them develop their own programs with some level of consistency through the construction sites. NEI explained where they had enhanced the language in the document to provide better guidance and clarify some of the terminology. The section for trending was expanded based on previous NRC comment that this was a great feature of the program that lacked substantial guidance.

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- A list of meeting attendees is attached.

Members of the public were in attendance, but Public Meeting Feedback forms were not received. Please direct any inquiries to me at 301-415-5303, or jose.jimenez@nrc.gov.

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NEI 08-02 "Problem Identification & Resolution" Workshop
March 24th, 2009
Location: Legacy Hotel, Rockville, MD
Meeting Attendees

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Dick Sweigart	Duke Energy
Pat Sheppard	Exelon
Joelle Starefos	NRC/NRO
Robert Pascarelli	NRC/NRO
Russ Bell	NEI
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Juan Peralta	NRC/NRO
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