

November 2, 2009

MEMORANDUM TO: Michael Junge, Chief
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 15, 2009, MEETING WITH THE INDUSTRY
FOCUS GROUP ON NEW REACTOR OPERATOR LICENSING

On October 15, 2009, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public meeting with the Industry Focus Group on New Reactor Operator Licensing to discuss the changes to the licensed operator examination process. Enclosure 1 lists the attendees at the meeting. Enclosure 2 is the agenda for the meeting.

This meeting was the latest in a series intended to promote efficient, effective, and consistent preparation and administration of new reactor operator licensing examinations. The Focus Group provided part 1 of the AP1000 knowledge and abilities (K & A) catalog (ML092920303) for NRC comment and review. The AP1000 system design is different than currently operating pressurized water reactors (PWR). As a result, functions in the new K&A catalog may be different from those in the current PWR K & A catalog.

The APOG training committee, consisting of former plant SROs with training experience, has met monthly with Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) instructors since March 2009. To ensure consistency, a systematic treatment of the K & A catalog using a strict methodology was adopted when considering which K & A statements to include in the new K & A catalog. During each meeting the WEC instructor responsible for the specific system being reviewed advised the training committee on how to status the K & A statements in the current K&A catalog. Each statement was reviewed and a decision was made to leave the statement as is, delete the statement, modify the statement, or add a new statement relative to that system. The methodology used for the systematic review of the K & A catalog development process is described in more detail in the AP1000 K & A catalog submittal.

The NRC stated that the "Operator Licensing Process Position Paper, Revision C" (ML09440070) had been forwarded to the Regions for comment. Comments, concerns, and questions will be available for the next scheduled Focus Group meeting.

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In closing, NRC agreed to review the proposal and provide comments on the Operator Licensing Process Position Paper at the next meeting to be held in December, 2009. Comments related to the K&A catalog will be provided to the Focus Group early in calendar 2010. No final positions were taken during the meeting.

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Meeting with the Industry Focus Group on
New Reactor Operator Licensing
October 15, 2009

Meeting Attendees

Name	Organization
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Rick Pelton	NRC / NRO
Fred Guenther	NRC / NRR
Jack McHale	NRC / NRR
Jim Kellum	NRC / NRO
Mark Lintz	NRC / NRO
Richard Baldwin	NRC / RII
Malcolm Widmann	NRC / RII
Rick Hons	Progress Energy
Tom Kuhar	Westinghouse
Tim Clauser	Luminant Power
Walt Shura	Dominion
Wes Sparkman	Southern Nuclear Company
John Butler	NEI
Glenn MacDonald	STPNOC
Charlton Salter	Southern Nuclear Company
Charles Sawyer	Duke
Al Koon	SCANA
Phil Polefrone	UNISTAR
Chris Paulsen	GTTSI
Leonard Kabana	MNES
Ted Amundson	Southern Nuclear Company

AGENDA FOR THE CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE
INDUSTRY FOCUS GROUP ON NEW REACTOR OPERATOR LICENSING ISSUES

October 15, 2009
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike -- Room O 16 B4
Rockville, MD 20852

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Introductions and Opening Remarks

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Public Input

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AP1000 Knowledge and Abilities Catalog

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Public Questions and Answers

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Summary / Conclusion / Action Item Review

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