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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS MONTHLY
PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2010

On August 4, 2010, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff (i.e., the staff) hosted the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) monthly public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) ROP Task Force and other industry representatives (i.e., the industry). Enclosure 1 contains the meeting attendance list, and Enclosure 2 contains the meeting handouts. Meeting attendees discussed topics related to inspection, assessment, operating experience, and performance indicators (PIs).

The staff informed the industry that it is considering clarifying the definitions of self-revealing and licensee-identified findings in Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0612, "Power Reactor Inspection Reports." The industry requested the NRC to consider the value added and potential disincentives for not treating certain findings as licensee-identified. The staff informed the industry that it would engage stakeholders before changing the definitions, if necessary. The staff also informed the industry of its plans to issue a new inspection procedure in several months related to structures, systems, and components subject to 10 CFR 50.69.

The staff and industry also discussed the proposed IMC for the oversight of plants in extended shutdown conditions. The industry requested the staff to provide any insights from experiences with plants in extended shutdowns, and the industry asked if the proposed IMC may have an impact on PIs. The industry also requested the staff to clarify the guidance in IMC 0305, "Operating Reactor Assessment Program," related to parallel PI findings. The staff informed the industry that the NRC regional offices would conduct their mid-cycle meetings the first two weeks of August 2010.

The NRC's operating experience staff discussed its intent to participate periodically in the ROP monthly public meetings. The staff introduced itself, its mission to better integrate operating experience into the ROP, and its goal to increase communication between the staff and industry on operating experience-related initiatives. The staff informed the industry that it is working on

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developing two operating experience smart samples related to: (1) reviewing licensed operator examinations and training conducted on the plant referenced simulator, and (2) components installed beyond the vendor-recommended life.

The industry desires to continue discussions on the reporting period for safety system functional failures (SSFFs). The industry questioned whether the SSFF PI should include SSFFs that occurred over a year ago. The staff stated it was reviewing the current SSFF PI threshold, and it would provide the industry the data and analysis for the current SSFF PI threshold and options for using more recent data to derive a new threshold. The staff was also interested in discussing the possibility of establishing a yellow threshold.

Staff and industry discussed two unresolved white papers concerning (1) monitoring emergency diesel generator (EDG) fuel oil transfer pumps as part of the mitigating system performance index (MSPI) and (2) revising the component failure mode definitions for EDGs. The staff recommended that the staff and industry develop agreement on the new definitions at the next ROP monthly meeting. The staff and industry also discussed the exclusion of the first run-hour in the EDG failure-to-run calculation and agreed to look into potential implications.

The staff discussed the effort to revise NEI 99-02 to include guidance for updating MSPI basis documents. The industry provided feedback (Enclosure 2) on the staff's proposed changes to NEI 99-02. The staff will respond to the industry's feedback at the next ROP monthly meeting. The staff provided an update on its intent to clarify guidance in IMC 0608, "Performance Indicator Program," related to developing new PIs. The staff is also continuing its efforts to determine if any gaps in oversight may exist.

The industry did not provide any new PI FAQs at this meeting. FAQ 09-10 remains on-hold pending the outcome of further discussions between the NRC and industry emergency preparedness staff. The staff and industry discussed the proposed response to FAQ 10-02 and will continue the discussion regarding defining a stabilized condition for various reactor types and the switch-over from response to recovery actions at the next ROP monthly meeting. The staff also stated that it would consider proposing alternative ways for NRC staff to submit FAQs.

The status of FAQs is as follows:

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09-10	EP02	Common EOF Participation	On Hold	Generic
10-02	IE04	USwC	Discussed	Generic

The next ROP monthly public meeting will be held on September 15, 2010. The following ROP monthly public meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 20, 2010.

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