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OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY

February 4, 2011

Charles Pierce
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Dear Mr. Pierce:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission meeting on inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria (ITAAC) related activities, April 28, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. The Commission is interested in hearing your views, representing Southern Nuclear Operating Company, proving a licensee perspective on the ITAAC from field-related activities, efforts the utilities are taking to prepare for conducting ITAAC, and the effectiveness of the ITAAC Closure Demonstration Project. I am enclosing a copy of the draft meeting agenda for your information (enclosure 1). My staff will keep you informed of any updates to the agenda.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please e-mail any written material, including slides/viewgraphs, to Ms. Rochelle Bavol and Ms. Sandy Joosten (**rochelle.bavol@nrc.gov** and **sandy.joosten@nrc.gov**) in the Office of the Secretary, by April 21, 2011, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for slides, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). PowerPoint is the preferred format, but other electronic presentation formats may be used. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: **www.nrc.gov.** If you intend to use slides, they will also be posted on the NRC website prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bavol at 301-415-1651.

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 15 minutes, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention.

The NRC Headquarters building is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. Bavol in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort. Please

note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Bates
Acting Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:
1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance

Draft: 2/4/11

SCHEDULING NOTE

Title: **INFORMATION BRIEFING ON INSPECTIONS, TESTS, ANALYSES, AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA (ITAAC) - RELATED ACTIVITIES (Public)**

Purpose: To provide the Commission an update on industry and staff activities related to preparing for, conducting, and completing ITAAC, improvements to ITAAC quality and inspectability, planning for closure and inspection of ITAAC, and the ITAAC Closure Demonstration Project.

Scheduled: **April 28, 2011**
9:00 am

Duration: Approx. 3 hours and 15 minutes

Location: Commissioners' Conference Room, 1st floor OWFN

Participants: **Presentation**

External Panel **45 mins.***

Alan Torres, Construction Manager, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company 15 mins.*
Topic: Licensee perspective on the ITAAC from field-related activities, efforts the utilities are taking to prepare for conducting ITAAC, and the effectiveness of the ITAAC Closure Demonstration Project.

Charles Pierce, AP1000 Licensing Manager, Southern Nuclear Operating Co., Inc. 15 mins.*
Topic: Licensee perspective on the ITAAC from field-related activities, efforts the utilities are taking to prepare for conducting ITAAC, and the effectiveness of the ITAAC Closure Demonstration Project.

Rolf Ziesing, Director, U.S. Licensing, Nuclear Power Plants, Westinghouse Electric Co., LLC. 15 mins.*
Topic: Vendor insights from ongoing construction in China and how they are applying those lessons to their U.S. customers and the effectiveness of the ITAAC Closure Demonstration Project.

Commission Q & A **50 mins.**

Break **5 mins.**

NRC Staff Panel **45 mins.***

Bill Borchardt, Executive Director for Operations
Michael Johnson, Director, Office of New Reactors
John Tappert, Acting Director, Construction Inspection and Operational Programs, NRO

Mark Kowal, Branch Chief, Technical Specifications & ITAAC Branch, NRO
Topic: Efforts to improve ITAAC quality and inspectability, planning for ITAAC closure, and insights from the ITAAC Closure Demonstration Project (tabletop / workshop)

James Beardsley, Branch Chief, Construction Inspection Branch, NRO
Topic: NRC's ITAAC inspection efforts

Alan Blamey, Chief, Construction Projects Branch 2, RII
Topic: Status of Regional preparations for ITAAC inspection

Commission Q & A **50 mins.**

Discussion – Wrap-up **5 mins.**

*For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's.

Documents:
Staff Background material due to SECY: April 14, 2011.
Slides due to SECY: April 21, 2011.

Enclosure 2

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