QUESTION 6c. Will the NRC continue processing existing license applications while the task force conducts its analysis?

ANSWER.

Yes. The NRC will continue to process existing applications for new licenses and license renewal applications in accordance with the schedules that have been established. The NRC continues to believe that its regulatory framework and requirements provide for a rigorous and comprehensive license review process that examines the full extent of siting, system design and operations of nuclear power plants. The recommendations of the NRC's task force examining lessons learned from the events in Japan will be taken into account in the performance of the NRC's review of these applications, as appropriate. Further, the NRC has the necessary regulatory tools to require changes to existing licenses or applications for certification should the agency determine that changes are necessary.