

June 17, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Jennifer L. Uhle, Chairman */RA/J. Uhle*
Committee to Review Generic Requirements

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC REQUIREMENTS: MINUTES
OF MEETING NUMBER 428

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The CRGR did not identify any backfit issues in the GL as written. The CRGR provided some minor editorial comments on both the GL and the draft justification memorandum to the Executive Director for Operations that is planned to be released when the final GL is issued. Subsequently, the staff provided a revised draft version of the GL and the justification memorandum that adequately addressed the CRGR comments.

With regard to the release of a final GL, the staff informed the CRGR that the industry is voluntarily pursuing a project plan to deliver similar information as requested through the draft GL to NRC via an alternate means. If NRC determines that the industry-submitted information does not provide a sufficient basis for an NRC determination, then NRC would expect to issue the final GL. NRC’s bases for its conclusion that the industry-provided information is insufficient would be made publicly available when the final GL is issued.

In accordance with CRGR procedures, the staff will be required to engage the CRGR in the event that the staff receives any substantiated backfit comments during the public comment phase of the draft GL.

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