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MEMORANDUM TO: Patricia Silva, Acting Chief
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Opening Remarks and NRC Presentation

The public meeting began with brief opening remarks followed by a presentation by the NRC summarizing the purpose of the meeting, providing historical background on non-power reactor license renewal issues, and describing current efforts to streamline the license renewal process. The NRC staff presented the findings associated with an analysis of the existing regulations. The presentation also described options for reorganizing the structure of regulations that pertain to non-power reactors.

Discussion

Following the presentation, the NRC staff posed questions to the meeting participants on topics related to current regulations and guidance governing the license renewal process. Stakeholders provided feedback on how often and when they refer to NRC's regulations and guidance (i.e., NUREG-1537, "Guidelines for preparing and Reviewing Applications for the Licensing of Non-Power Reactors," Parts 1 and 2) and on the usability of the regulations and guidance.

Next Steps

The staff plans to compile the results of outreach and analyses to determine whether changes to the regulations or guidance should be considered, and to identify areas where changes would be beneficial. The staff also expects to publish a draft regulatory basis for comment in 2012, and hold a public meeting in the same timeframe.

**September 13, 2011, Public Meeting
to Discuss Streamlining Non-Power Reactor License Renewal**

Attendance List

NAME	AFFILIATION
Alexander Adams Jr.	NRC
James Anderson	NRC
Ben Baker	ISU
Richard Barrett	AdSTM
Howard Benowitz	NRC
Leo Bobek	UMASS Lowell
Beatrice Brailsford	Snake River Alliance
Norbert Carle	NRC
John Collier	ICF
Mark Cox	URS
Tim DeBey	USGS
Chris Farwell	USGS
Ray Furstenan	DOE-Idaho
Ian Gifford	AFRRI
Liz Gormsen	ICF
Duane Hardesty	NRC
Chris Hott	BEA
Jere Jenkins	Purdue/TRTR
William Kennedy	NRC
Melinda Krahenbuhl	Reed
Michael Krause	University of Texas
Daniel LaBrier	Idaho State University
Kathryn Linthicum	Reed College
Jason Lising	NRC
Rob Lunsford	ISU
Steve Miller	AFRRI
Sarah Morgan	Colorado School of Mines
Adam Mullicent	Idaho State University
Sean O'Kelly	NIST
Steve Reese	OSU
Tom Regan	UMASS Lowell
Brycen Roy	USGS
Frank Schwartz	DOE-Idaho
Brian Shea	UFTR
Harry Spence	AFRRI
A.J. Teachout	AFRRI
Mark Trump	PSU
Lara Uselding	NRC
Donald Wall	WSU
Geoffrey Wertz	NRC
P.M. Whaley	University of Texas
Jenny Wild	NRC

AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011, PUBLIC MEETING
TO DISCUSS STREAMLINING NON-POWER REACTOR LICENSE RENEWAL
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) efforts to streamline non-power reactor license renewal and to provide stakeholders and the public an opportunity to discuss streamlining non-power reactor license renewal.

Time	Topic	Led By
1:00 PM – 1:05 PM	Opening Remarks	NRC
1:05 PM – 1:15 PM	History of the Streamlining Efforts	NRC
1:15 PM – 1:35 PM	Findings Regarding Existing Regulations	NRC
1:35 PM – 1:50 PM	Reorganization of RTR Regulations	NRC
1:50 PM – 2:50 PM	Invitation for Public Discussion	NRC
2:50 PM – 2:55 PM	Schedule and Next Steps	NRC
2:55 PM – 3:00 PM	Conclusion	NRC

Representatives from the NRC will discuss and answer questions about streamlining non-power reactor license renewal. Comments on the questions and discussion should be submitted to the NRC using the NRC FORM 659, "NRC Public Meeting Feedback." The form will be available at the meeting or can be obtained by calling or emailing one of the meeting contacts. The NRC will not provide formal responses to comments received regarding this meeting.