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MEMORANDUM TO: Doug Weaver, Deputy Director
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 1, 2011, SFST TECHNICAL EXCHANGE
PUBLIC MEETING

Background

On November 1, 2011, a meeting was held in the Executive Boulevard Building, Rooms 1-B-13 and 1-B-15. No proprietary information was discussed at the meeting. No regulatory decisions were requested or made at the meeting.

The meeting was noticed in on October 18, 2011 and is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML112911440. The list of meeting attendees is provided as Enclosure 1. A listing of the Technical Exchange presentations is available at ML113120287.

Discussion

The Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation (SFST) hosted its first SFST Technical Exchange on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, from 7:30 am to approximately 4:30 pm. The Technical Exchange began with welcome and opening remarks from Doug Weaver, Deputy Director of SFST. Upon completion of his remarks, a break occurred in order to split the rooms into the two concurrent technical sessions.

Summary from the Technical Session Entitled "Interfaces between Storage and Transportation Casks"

There were two main topics in this session chaired by Meraj Rahimi, Chief of the Criticality Shielding and Dose Assessment Branch. In the morning, the subject was high-burnup fuel and in the afternoon, the discussion focused on the interface between the regulations in 10 CFR Part 71 and Part 72.

Dr. Robert Einziger of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) gave the first presentation in the high-burnup fuel panel. He presented the progress and results of some of the NRC's research programs on cladding for high-burnup fuel. This presentation was followed by that of Albert Machiels of Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) who further discussed

other research and development on high-burnup cladding from industry programs. These talks focused on the state of the research on high-burnup cladding. The panel presentations shifted to alternative methods to performing criticality evaluations in the case that the performance of the cladding and fuel is unknown as may be for high-burnup fuel. Dr. John Vera of the NRC, Charles Pennington of NAC International, and Keith Morton from Idaho National Laboratory gave talks on moderator exclusion. Dr. Vera focused on the regulatory framework and history of moderator exclusion. Charles Pennington also gave some history with his overall conclusion being that moderator exclusion was an outdated regulation and someone should initiate rulemaking to change it. The main emphasis from Keith Morton's presentation was that packages should have (or get credit for existing) leak tight canisters to satisfy the rule. The last two presentations of the morning session were focused on fuel reconfiguration. The presentation by Dr. David Tang and Dr. Zhian Li of the NRC discussed the implications to criticality and radiation safety in the case of fuel reconfiguration. In the last presentation, Albert Machiels of EPRI argued that the effect on criticality from reconfiguration is small compared to other risks and given other conservative regulatory requirements and analytical assumptions.

The first presentation in the afternoon session on the interface between Part 71 and Part 72 was provided by Earl Easton of the NRC. His presentation discussed the possibility of the definition of "retrievability" being based on a canister and not the fuel assembly given the change to and uncertainty in permanent disposal options for spent fuel. Adam Levin of Exelon also made a presentation about retrievability. He discussed some of the complications in this area due to the many different parties involved: industry, EPRI, Department of Energy (DOE), and NRC. He encouraged retrievability to be a canister/cask based approach. Dr. Einziger gave the next presentation. He talked about acceptance testing and aging management, stressing the importance of taking steps to understand the condition of the components at the end of storage. Jim Connell from Maine Yankee gave a presentation about aging management and discussed the program in place there at the facility. The last two presentations then talked about the possibility of performing a single criticality analysis for Part 71 and Part 72. Andrew Barto of the NRC presented the first presentation on this subject. He introduced the idea of performing a criticality analysis using burnup credit, versus boron credit, when submitting a Part 72 application. Prakash Narayanan from Transnuclear (TN) gave another presentation in this area, focusing also on burnup credit.

After the two sessions, Meraj Rahimi presented a summary of the two sessions and then the audience had a chance to discuss any further questions or comments with the panelists.

Summary from the Technical Session Entitled "Seismic Issues for Dry Cask Storage Systems and Industry Updates on Existing Technical Issues"

This session chaired by David Pstrak, Chief of the Structural Mechanics and Materials Branch, was established to discuss three separate topics, as follows: 1) methodologies for conducting analysis of the free-standing stack-up configuration during vertical dry cask spent fuel loading operations; 2) a status update of the North Anna Earthquake Event and discuss the performance of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations (ISFSIs) at the North Anna Power Station during the earthquake that took place on August 23, 2011; and 3) to hear input from industry on updates related to two technical issues as part of the Regulatory Issues Resolution Protocol (RIRP) activities.

During the first portion of this panel, Dr. Gordon Bjorkman of the NRC made a presentation entitled "Methodologies Acceptable to the Staff for Performing Seismic Stability Analyses of a Stack-up Configuration within a 10 CFR Part 50 Facility." Additionally, representatives from

industry provided presentations, with the following titles: "Proposed Methodology for Free-standing Stack-up Analysis" (presented by Chuck Bullard of Holtec International); "Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant Free-Standing Seismic Analysis" (presented by Bruce Henley from Luminant); "Discussion for Seismic Stack-up" (presented by Michael Yaksh of NAC International).

Discussions that were generated after these presentations were focused around the need for stack-up activities, given that generally licensed storage cask systems listed in 10 CFR 72.214 as approved cask systems, do not incorporate such steps.

In the afternoon session, Bob Tripathi of the NRC made a presentation entitled "SFST Staff's Perspective on Status of ISFSIs at North Anna Nuclear Power Plant after the Seismic Event of August 23, 2011", which described the seismic event that occurred at the North Anna Power Station and the status of the two onsite ISFSIs after this event. Additionally, Dr. Bjorkman provided a presentation entitled "The Possible Influence of ISFSI Pad Flexibility on the Sliding Response of Casks at North Anna due to the Earthquake of August 23, 2011," which described the theory related to how the TN-32 storage casks performed during the seismic event, and what caused them to move several inches on the ISFSI pad.

During the final portion of the afternoon session, industry provided presentations on two technical issues associated with the RIRP activities. One presentation was entitled "Efforts on SCC of Spent Fuel Canisters in Marine Environments in RIRP and ESCP," and was presented by Keith Waldrop of EPRI, and was focused on the Stress Corrosion Cracking phenomenon associated with dry storage casks in marine environments. The second presentation, dealing with top nozzle corrosion cracking, was entitled "Update on PWR Fuel Top Nozzle Stress Corrosion Cracking Implications for 10 CFR 72 and 71", was presented by Brian Gutherman of Gutherman Technical Services, and provided a summary of the interactions between the NRC and industry to resolve technical issues related to this topic. Both of these issues will be discussed in greater detail during an upcoming public meeting.

Upon completion of the two concurrent technical sessions, the Technical Exchange concluded with Doug Weaver providing some closing remarks and answering questions regarding logistics for the Regulatory Conference that would take place on November 2 and 3, 2011, in the Two White Flint North Auditorium.

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2011 SFST TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AGENDA

November 1, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time)

Executive Boulevard Building, Room 1-B-13/B-15

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Check-in (Security) and Registration

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks*
Doug Weaver, Deputy Division Director, NRC/SFST

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Morning Break to convene into technical panel sessions

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Morning Technical Sessions

Interfaces Between Storage and Transportation Casks** Moderator: Meraj Rahimi, Branch Chief, NRC/SFST Room EBB-1-B-13	Seismic Issues for Dry Cask Storage Systems and Industry Update on Existing Technical Issues*** Moderator: David Pstrak, Branch Chief, NRC/SFST Room EBB-1-B-15
Panel Discussion on High Burnup Fuel Purpose: This session will include discussions on alternatives for addressing criticality safety requirements for high burnup fuel transportation. NRC's View on Cladding Material Properties – Bob Einziger Industry's View on Cladding – Albert Machiels, EPRI NRC's View on Moderator Exclusion – John Vera Industry's View on Moderator Exclusion – Charles Pennington, NAC; and Dana K. Morton, INL NRC's View on Reconfiguration – David Tang and Zhian Li Industry's View on Reconfiguration – Albert Machiels, EPRI	Panel Discussion on Stack – Up Analysis Purpose: Discuss methodologies for conducting analysis of the free-standing stackup configuration during vertical dry cask spent fuel loading operations. NRC's View on Stack-Up Analysis – Gordon Bjorkman Industry's View on Stack-Up Analysis – Chuck Bullard, Holtec; Bruce Henley, Luminant; and Michael Yaksh, NAC

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Afternoon Technical Sessions

Interfaces Between Storage and Transportation Casks Moderator: Meraj Rahimi, Branch Chief, NRC/SFST Room EBB-1-B-13	Seismic Issues for Dry Cask Storage Systems and Industry Update on Existing Technical Issues Moderator: David Pstrak, Branch Chief, NRC/SFST Room EBB-1-B-15
Panel Discussion on Part 71/72 Interface Purpose: This session will focus on the retrievability requirements (by assembly/canister), casks/contents integrity after a period of storage and the use of a common criticality safety method for satisfying requirements both under 10 CFR 71 and 72. NRC's View on Retrievability – Earl Easton Industry's View on Retrievability – Adam Levin, Exelon Corporation NRC's View on Acceptance Testing and Aging Management – Bob Einziger Industry's View on Acceptance Testing and Aging Management – Jim Connell, Maine Yankee NRC's View on Burnup Credit vs. Boron Credit – Drew Barto Industry's View on Burnup Credit vs. Boron Credit – Prakash Narayanan, Transnuclear	Panel Discussion on the Status of the North Anna Nuclear Power Plant Earthquake Event and ISFSIs Purpose: Provide a status update of the North Anna Earthquake Event and discuss the performance of the ISFSIs at the North Anna Power Station during the earthquake that took place on Tuesday, August 23, 2011. NMSS/SFST's View on the North Anna Earthquake Event – Bob Tripathi and Gordon Bjorkman Panel Discussion on Industry's Update on Regulatory Issues Resolution Protocol (RIRP) Activities Purpose: To receive an update from industry on the two pilot RIRP activities: - Marine Corrosion: Keith Waldrop, EPRI - Top Nozzle: Brian Gutherman, Gutherman Technical Services

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break to reconvene in room EBB-1B-13/15

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Stakeholder questions and feedback

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks

4:45 p.m.

Adjourn

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