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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 1, 2011, PUBLIC MEETING ON  
IMPLEMENTATION OF NEAR-TERM TASK FORCE  
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE FUKUSHIMA DAIICHI  
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ACCIDENT

On December 1, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public meeting with interested stakeholders and members of the public to discuss implementation of the *Near-Term Task Force (NTTF) Recommendations for Enhancing Reactor Safety in the 21st Century* report, issued July 12, 2011, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML111861807). The meeting focused on a general implementation approach for the NTTF recommendations, specifically those that are under consideration for implementation without unnecessary delay, referred to as Tier 1 recommendations. The NRC NTTF Steering Committee (SC) provided an introduction to the NRC response following the March 11, 2011, Earthquake and Tsunami which caused an extended station blackout (SBO) condition at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear site resulting in fuel damage and off-site release. This was followed by the NRC NTTF SC overview of the path forward and the potential assumptions used for implementing the NTTF near term Tier 1 recommendations. The staff slides can be obtained through ADAMS Accession No. ML11334A072.

Next, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) presented their proposed approach for addressing the NTTF Tier 1 recommendations. They propose focusing on a *Risk Informed, Flexible and Diverse Strategy* that leverages on-site and off-site support mechanisms to provide enhanced safety measures for consideration of specific beyond design basis event sequences that would cause a possible extended SBO condition. There was agreement that the NRC and Industry (NEI) approaches have the potential for alignment in regards to enhancing safety for U.S. domestic nuclear power plants. In addition both the NRC staff and NEI again emphasized that the specific sequence of events and the level of design basis for domestic plants are significantly different than those attributed to the Fukushima Daiichi site.

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