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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING BETWEEN THE INSTITUTE
OF NUCLEAR POWER OPERATIONS (INPO) AND THE
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) TO EXCHANGE
INFORMATION ON MAJOR ACTIVITIES

On December 1, 2011, the NRC conducted a Category 2 public meeting with INPO at NRC Headquarters. This meeting was conducted pursuant to the INPO-NRC Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at accession number ML073460015. The purposes of this meeting included the following:

- Exchange information to apprise each other of major activities underway or planned
- Avoid unnecessary and unintentional duplication of activities
- Identify areas where independent activities by other organizations may be warranted

A public meeting notice was issued and posted on the NRC's public Web page on November 14, 2011, and can be found in ADAMS at accession number ML11310A000. Pursuant to the MOA, a portion of this meeting was closed to public to allow for a discussion of INPO proprietary information.

The meeting was attended by senior management from INPO and the NRC. One member of the public participated in the meeting and was provided the opportunity to ask questions prior to the closed portion of the meeting. During the open portion of the meeting, the NRC and INPO discussed a number of topics of interest.

NRC and INPO Response to Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident

The NRC provided an update on the agency's response to the March 11, 2011, Japanese earthquake and tsunami, including a summary of the immediate actions taken by the agency, support provided to the Japanese government, and transition to the longer-term evaluation of lessons learned from the accident. The NRC also discussed the staff's approach for evaluating and resolving recommendations provided by the NRC's Near-Term Task Force, which was established to identify near-term lessons learned from the accident, consistent with Commission direction, and for screening additional recommendations received from the NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, the public, industry, and other stakeholders.

INPO also discussed their response to the accident, including support provided to other organizations and the current status of the INPO team in Japan. INPO discussed communication with the nuclear industry on lessons learned from the accident through, for example, the use of INPO event reports. INPO indicated that with the issuance of INPO 11-005, "Special Report on the Nuclear Accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station," their focus would shift from understanding what happened during the accident to determining why it happened. INPO discussed initiatives associated with setting up protocols for responding to foreign events in the future and developing procedures and paths for communication.

INPO and the NRC acknowledged the importance of continuing to monitor activities taken by other countries in response to the Fukushima Dai-ichi accident.

INPO Training and Accreditation Status Report

INPO provided a summary of training and accreditation activities planned for 2012. INPO discussed a number of initiatives associated with the development of on-line training programs (e.g., cyber security) and new standardized training content (e.g., generic operator fundamentals training). INPO indicated that the 100th Senior Nuclear Plant Manager (SNPM) course was completed in October and other leadership training initiatives, such as courses in nuclear technology for senior utility executives, were continuing. INPO also discussed ongoing work being done to train international counterparts, and indicated that international counterparts have routinely been invited to participate in SNPM classes.

International Regulatory Activities

The NRC discussed support provided to Japan during and following the Fukushima Dai-ichi accident, as well as communication with other international counterparts during the event. The NRC discussed ongoing work in assisting with establishment of strong regulatory programs for countries with developing nuclear programs, and stressed the importance of INPO and the U.S. industry conducting similar outreach with industry counterparts in those countries.

Following the discussion of international regulatory activities, the meeting was closed to the public to discuss INPO proprietary information.

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