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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF January 9, 2012, PUBLIC MEETING ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF NEAR-TERM TASK FORCE
RECOMMENDATION 9.3 RELATED TO THE FUKUSHIMA DAIICHI
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ACCIDENT

On January 9, 2012, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public meeting with Industry representatives to discuss considerations regarding 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 Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML111861807). The report concluded that the existing regulatory framework, coupled with current plant capabilities enable the NRC staff to determine that continued operation would not pose an imminent risk to public health and safety; however, implementing the recommendations from the NTTF report would enhance reactor safety.

The meeting was a follow up of the December 12, 2011, public meeting that focused specifically on the communication aspect of NTTF Recommendation 9.3, which is part of the Tier 1 recommendations under consideration for implementation without unnecessary delay. Recommendation 9.3 is related to ensuring emergency planning (EP) staffing and communications are sufficient for a multi-unit and prolonged station blackout (SBO) event. The NRC staff in its presentation provided an update to the planned schedule including the accelerated schedule for all Tier 1 NTTF recommendations to be issued by March 9, 2012. Also the NRC staff outlined the planned scope of the request for information as part of the generic 50.54(f) draft letter. The staff request for information from licensees includes consideration on the communication capabilities during a non-specified beyond design basis event that effects the entire site to ensure public health and safety. The NRC staff slides can be obtained from ADAMS Accession No. ML11361A035.

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