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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MAY 3-4, 2012, PUBLIC WEBINAR REGARDING  
SEISMIC WALKTHROUGH GUIDANCE DEVELOPMENT

On May 3-4, 2012<sup>1</sup>, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public webinar with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), industry representatives, and other stakeholders to discuss the development of guidance for seismic walkdowns as discussed in the *Near-Term Task Force (NTTF) Recommendations for Enhancing Reactor Safety in the 21st Century* report, issued July 12, 2011 (The NTTF report is available under Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML111861807). The webinar focused on NTTF Recommendation 2.3, performance of walkdowns to identify degraded, non-conforming, and unanalyzed conditions against the current licensing basis, and to review maintenance and monitoring procedures to ensure they are adequate. Performance of seismic walkdowns in accordance with Recommendation 2.3 is a Tier 1 activity which should be implemented without unnecessary delay. During this public meeting, the participants discussed the development of the guidance document that will be used by licensees to develop procedures to perform the walkdowns.

The list of attendees is enclosed.

The discussions centered on Sections 1, "Purpose and Approach," and Section 5, "Seismic Licensing Basis Evaluations," of the draft walkdown guidance. In addition, the participants discussed the NRC staff's expectations regarding the walkdown, as compared to a walk-by. The participants also discussed the expectations for how to address inaccessible equipment in the guidance document. As a result of the discussions, the following draft documents containing the participants comments were prepared:

- Revised Section 1, at ADAMS Accession No. ML12130A291
- Revised Section 5, at ADAMS Accession No. ML12130A292
- Comments on Inaccessible Equipment, at ADAMS Accession No. ML12130A294
- Section 1 walkdown/walk-by discussion, at ADAMS Accession No. ML12130A304

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<sup>1</sup> Notice at ADAMS Accession No. ML12121A576

In addition, Figures 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4, of Section 1 were also discussed. These figures can be found at ADAMS Accession Nos. ML12130A313, ML12130A316, ML12130A337, ML12130A340, respectively.

All documents listed above can be found in the ADAMS package for this public meeting, at Accession No. ML12130A303.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the participants agreed that NEI should submit drafts of the following NEI walkdown guidance sections to the NRC on or before May 8, 2012:

- Section 1, "Purpose and Approach,"
- Section 2, "Personnel Qualifications,"
- Section 4, "Seismic Walkdowns and Evaluations," and
- Section 5, "Seismic Licensing Basis Evaluations"

In addition, NEI should submit a draft on or before May 9, 2012 of:

- Section 3, "Selection of Systems, Structures, and Components"

These submissions support the next scheduled public webinar on May 10, 2012.

The participants also agreed that NEI should submit Section 6 ("Submittal Report") of the draft guidance on or before May 15, 2012, to support a public webinar currently scheduled for May 17, 2012.

Members of the public were in attendance on the webinar and asked clarifying questions throughout the meeting. No regulatory decisions were made as a result of this meeting.

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**NRC Meeting with Stakeholders  
Development of Guidance  
NTTF Recommendation 2.3 Seismic**

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