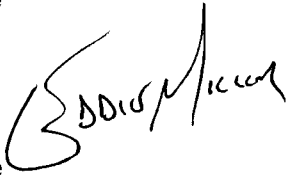




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MEMORANDUM TO: Robert J. Pascarelli, Chief
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MAY 29, 2012, PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF NEAR-TERM TASK FORCE
RECOMMENDATION 2.3, FLOODING PROTECTION
WALKDOWNS, RELATED TO THE FUKUSHIMA DAI-ICHI
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ACCIDENT

On May 29, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public teleconference¹ with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and industry representatives to review and assess the recommendations in the *Near-Term Task Force (NTTF) Recommendations for Enhancing Reactor Safety in the 21st Century* report, issued July 12, 2011.² On March 12, 2012,³ the NRC issued a request for information pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 50.54(f), which implemented certain recommendations from the NTTF report including Recommendation 2.3, flooding protection walkdowns. The purpose of this meeting was to continue discussions with stakeholders regarding guidance for performing the walkdowns.

During the meeting, the NRC staff discussed the few remaining open items associated with NRC endorsement of NEI 12-07, "Guidelines for performing Verification Walkdowns of Plant Flood Protection Features."⁴ The meeting focused on two suggestions that the NRC staff intended to add to the endorsement letter. These suggestions were a result of comments received from the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards held on May 22, 2012.

The first suggestion that the NRC staff intended to include in the endorsement letter was to add extreme air temperatures to the list of examples of adverse weather conditions that could reasonably be expected to simultaneously occur during a natural hazard event. No objections to this addition were received.

¹ The original meeting notice is available via the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML12125A340.

² The NTTF report is available under ADAMS Accession No. ML111861807.

³ The 50.54(f) letter is available under ADAMS Accession No. ML12053A340.

⁴ NEI 12-07 is available under ADAMS Accession No. ML121440522.

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Following the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, public comments or questions were solicited and additional comments were received from stakeholders. It was also identified that the next public meetings would be held on June 13th and 14th.

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DATE: May 29, 2012

Discussion of Flooding Walkdowns and Reevaluations

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