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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JUNE 19, 2012, PUBLIC MEETING WITH AP-1000
OWNERS GROUP ON NEW REACTOR OPERATOR LICENSING

On June 19, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a category 2 public meeting with the AP-1000 Owners Group (APOG) on New Reactor Operator Licensing at the Region II Offices in Atlanta, GA to discuss potential changes to the licensed operator examination process. Enclosure 1 lists the attendees at the meeting. Enclosure 2 is the meeting agenda. This meeting discussed the ongoing progress in developing and administering effective new reactor operator licensing examinations.

The NRC staff presented their observation of Summer operator candidates on the Westinghouse simulator at Cranberry Township, PA the week of March 26, 2012. The NRC sent five qualified examiners who evaluated the need for changes and recommended that only minor enhancements be made to the NUREG-1021 Examiner Standard Section 303 reactor operator and senior reactor operator (SRO) Competency Grading Worksheet forms. Additional discussion included evaluation of the SRO in a command and control role and the number of simulator malfunction available so overlap between exams wouldn't be a concern.

The NRC staff and APOG discussed the mock simulator examination development including progress on scenario development and scheduling. A mock simulator exam using instructors as license candidates is tentatively scheduled for the week of August 20, 2012, using the Vogtle 3 and 4 simulators. It was determined that since the sample plans based on draft NUREG-2103, "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators, Pressurized-Water Reactors, Westinghouse AP-1000", which were discussed at the last meeting, worked well and writing the exam questions would be largely the same, that no written mock exam would be necessary.

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Action items for both the APOG and the NRC were assigned and will be reviewed at the next meeting. Tentative agenda items for the next meeting were also listed. The NRC agreed to provide as many examiners as possible to evaluate the simulator mock exams at Vogtle 3 and 4 and all agreed the number of observers would be limited due to space availability in the simulator.

Questions and comments raised by meeting participants will be evaluated by the NRC staff.

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AGENDA FOR THE CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE
AP-1000 OWNERS GROUP ON NEW REACTOR OPERATOR LICENSING

Tuesday, June 19, 2012
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Marquis One Tower,
Executive Conference Room R2-1486-32p (14th floor)
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<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>LEAD</u>
Introductions and Opening Remarks	NRC/APOG
Public Input	Public
Discussion of 3/26 Cranberry Simulator Observation	NRC
Examination Development (written, operating and schedule)	NRC/APOG
AP-1000 Simulator Development	NRC/APOG
Discussion on critical tasks	NRC/APOG
Miscellaneous/Emergent Topics	NRC/APOG
Public Input	Public
Summary / Conclusion / Action Item Review	NRC/APOG