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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2012, UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION CONSTRUCTION
REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC
MEETING WITH THE INDUSTRY AND THE GENERAL
PUBLIC

On September 20, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Construction Assessment and Enforcement branch met with the industry and general public at the NRC Headquarters, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The meeting notice was documented in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under accession number ML12235A322. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the progress and lessons learned from the construction Reactor Oversight Process (cROP) pilot program. The NRC cROP pilot program is currently being implemented at Vogtle Unit 3 & 4, and at Summer Units 3 & 4.

The purpose of the meeting was to solicit stakeholder feedback on the implementation of the cROP pilot program. Stakeholder feedback will be used when evaluating the success of the pilot program. The NRC presented a brief summary of the cROP pilot program scope and shared some of the actions that have been completed (i.e. use of the significant determination process (SDP), the quarterly and midcycle assessments, communication efforts with stakeholders, etc.) The presentation used to solicit feedback can be found in ADAMS ML12261A385. The cROP pilot guidance document details the program success criteria, which was used to start the conversation with stakeholders (ADAMS ML112700583).

The general feedback received was that the cROP is working as expected. The SDP has been a good tool to assess the issues identified to date by the NRC. The program has allowed for licensees to understand the NRC's assessment of identified issues. However, due to the limited amount of inspection activities at the construction sites and only five findings to date, the SDP has not been extensively challenged.

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The NRC will seek formal feedback from stakeholders via a Federal Register Notice to be issued in November 2012. Enclosed is a list of attendees at this meeting.

There were no members of the public in attendance during the meeting. Public Meeting Feedback forms were distributed with none returned or submitted according to standard protocols. Please direct any inquiries to Jose Jimenez at 301-415-5303, or via e-mail to Jose.Jimenez@nrc.gov.

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