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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2012, NEW REACTOR LICENSING
PROCESS LESSONS LEARNED PUBLIC MEETING

On September 13, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public meeting at the North Bethesda Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit feedback on the new reactor licensing process lessons learned from the attendees of the public meeting. The associated meeting notice is available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML12235A489. The following provides a brief summary of the meeting.

Summary

Ms. Serita Sanders (working group lead), Policy Branch (APOB), Division of Advanced Reactors and Rulemaking (DARR), Office of New Reactors (NRO), opened the meeting by (1) reinforcing that the purpose of the meeting was to listen to the participants and gain insights from the lessons learned while using the new reactor licensing process and (2) introducing the working group members Mr. Eric Oesterle, DARR/APOB and Ms. Mallecia Sutton, Environmental Projects Branch 1, Division of New Reactor Licensing (DNRL), and Ms. Amy Cabbage, Branch Chief, DARR/APOB. Mr. David Matthews, DNRL Director, gave opening remarks on the new reactor licensing process.

The list of questions attached to the public meeting notice was used as the outline and guide followed in the presentation (ADAMS Accession No. ML12285A115) to conduct the meeting. The topic areas are as follows:

- A. Licensing Process
- pre-application review
 - acceptance review
 - request for additional information
 - technical reviews
 - resolution of open issues
 - safety evaluation reports
 - environmental impact statements
 - design certification rulemaking

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B. Guidance & Requirements

- Part 52 and associated regulations
- standard review plan (SRP)
- environmental SRP
- regulatory guides (RGs) (e.g. RG 1.206)
- interim staff guidance
- associated guidance

C. Schedule

- design review centered approach
- 6-phase safety review for Reference-COLs
- 4-phase safety review for Subsequent-COLs
- design certification on 6-phase review plus rulemaking

D. Public Interaction

- public outreach meetings (safety and environmental)
- scoping meetings (environmental)
- draft environmental impact statement public meeting

There was good participation and feedback from all attendees. NRC gained keen insights from the lessons learned shared and will capture those experiences to further enhance the current new reactor licensing process.

Once all topic areas were covered, Ms. Sanders discussed next steps including plans to issue a lessons learned report in early 2013. Ms. Sanders then adjourned the meeting.

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September 13, 2012**

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