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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF A MEETING TO DISCUSS ACTIVITIES
ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF NEAR-TERM TASK
FORCE RECOMMENDATION 5.1 RELATED TO CONTAINMENT
VENTING SYSTEMS

On February 4 and 5, 2013, a Category 2 public meetings were held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) staff and representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group (BWROG) related to recent industry initiatives for the Implementation of Recommendation 5.1 of the Near-Term Task Force (NTTF) "Recommendations for Enhancing Reactor Safety in the 21st Century" report, issued July 12, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML111861807). The purpose of these meetings was to share and better understand the work done and reasoning behind the NRC staff's evaluation and recommendation of "Option 3" to the Commission in SECY-12-0157, issued in November 2012, and the industry's assessments and preferred approach for minimizing radiological releases and reducing land contamination.

The NRC senior management emphasized that the SECY paper is before the Commission and the NRC staff does not foresee changing the paper as a result of discussions in this meeting. However, the information will be provided to the Commissioners for their consideration. Once the Commission decision is issued, the NRC staff will work closely with the stakeholders in developing the details needed to implement the Commission's decision. On the first day, presentations included a discussion by the NRC staff on evaluation of options presented in the SECY paper and the process used to the selection of Option 3 as the staff recommendation. Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) provided an overview of investigation of strategies for mitigating radiological releases in severe accidents and NEI presented industry's comments on the SECY-12-0157. Both the NRC and the industry's representatives participated in a dialog related to the presentations.

On the second day, the industry representatives presented results of BWROG tabletop plant evaluation of EPRI severe accident management strategies conducted at Nine Mile Point, Unit 1, plant. The discussions also included plant-specific and generic plant insights. The NRC staff presented the potential next steps for both BWR Mark I and Mark II containments once the

Commission decision is issued. These may include revising the Order and the interim staff guidance. The NRC staff also responded to several questions from the industry on requirements and review of external filters as contemplated by Option 3 of SECY-12-0157.

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