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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AUGUST 8, 2012, PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS TASK FORCE RE: DRAFT
REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY (RIS), "NRC STAFF POSITION ON
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GDC [GENERAL DESIGN CRITERIA]
REQUIREMENTS AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION OPERABILITY"

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After a short discussion on the NRC staff's position that the RIS does not establish any new positions, the industry agreed. There was no disagreement with the content of the RIS, but there will most likely be formal industry comments submitted in response to the *Federal Register* Notice (that provided the Draft RIS) requesting additional clarity on the current definition of "operability" and why it is being reemphasized in this RIS. The discussion also focused on issues contained in NRC Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) Part 9900, "Technical Guidance, Operability Determinations and Resolution of Nonconformances of Structures, Systems, and Components." The NRC staff indicated there will be a future workshop to discuss industry concerns with IMC Part 9900.

There were no questions received from the public.

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