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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF August 12, 2013 MEETING TO DISCUSS

ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF NEAR- TERM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION 5.1 RELATEDTO CONTAINMENT VENTING SYSTEMS

On August 12, 2013, a Category 2 public meeting was held between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, and representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the Boiling Water Owners group related to the Implementation of Recommendation 5.1 of the Near-Term Task Force 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 specific purpose of this meeting was to continue discussions on the development of interim staff guidance (ISG) in support of Order EA-13-109, which was issued on June 6, 2013 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML13130A067).

The NRC staff opened the meeting and thanked everyone for supporting these public meetings and actively participating in addressing several important issues. The staff further stated that their initial comments on selected sections of NEI 13-02, Rev. A3.2 were provided earlier last week (ADAMS Accession No. ML13217A440). In their opening remarks, the industry representatives thanked the NRC staff for providing comments and will be discussing disposition of those comments later in the meeting.

The NRC staff briefly discussed the schedule and target to issue the draft ISG for public comment late in August 2013. The industry working group representative stated that their intent is to revise the guidance document based on further discussions and submit for NRC staff review by August 14, 2013. This revision will include all sections needed for implementation of Phase 1 of Order EA-13-109. Sections which relate to

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drywell venting will not be included in this revision. The industry representatives provided an overview of the process of addressing staff comments. The comments were grouped as accepted, alternative proposed, further discussion suggested, deferred for Phase 2, and no change recommended. These comments were on selected portions of Section 1 (Introduction), Section 2 (Wet well boundary conditions for vent design and operation), Section 4 (Design considerations), Section 5 (Programmatic controls), and Section 6 (Operational considerations). In all, 44 staff comments were accepted, alternatives were proposed for nine, 17 were grouped under further discussions suggested, one was deferred, and no changes were suggested for eight comments.

The discussion topics included use of hardened containment venting system (HCVS) during beyond design basis event (BDBE) and during severe accident conditions. BDBEs may not always result in a severe accident conditions. The HCVS design discussions also included boundary conditions for containment pressure and temperature both for the wetwell and drywell vent paths including shared paths. The NRC staff provided their initial assessment and comments, but agreed to provide written comments.

Members of the public attended in person, through the bridge-line and via webcast. At designated points during the meeting, members of the public were invited to provide any comments on the presentations. Members of the public asked some clarifying questions. The NRC staff responded to all questions adequately.

A list of attendees is provided (Enclosure 1). Presentation handouts may be located through ADAMS Package No. ML13238A166.

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