December 23, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO:	Matthew A. Mitchell, Chief Projects Management Branch Japan Lessons-Learned Project Directorate Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
FROM:	Brian K. Harris, Project Manager / <b>RA</b> / Projects Management Branch Japan Lessons-Learned Project Directorate Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 19, 2013, PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS: (1) PRELIMINARY PROPOSED RULE LANGUAGE FOR ONSITE EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES; AND (2) GUIDANCE DEVELOPMENT FOR PERIODIC TRAINING AND DRILLS, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES, RELATED TO ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH NEAR-TERM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS 4, 8, AND 9.3, AND MULTI-UNIT DOSE ASSESSMENT

On November 19, 2013, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public meeting<sup>1</sup> with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), industry representatives, and other interested stakeholders to discuss paths forward for addressing the recommendations in the *Near-Term Task Force* (NTTF) *Recommendations for Enhancing Reactor Safety in the 21st Century* report, issued July 12, 2011.<sup>2</sup> A meeting participant list is enclosed. The meeting focused on two main topical areas: 1) Preliminary proposed rule for Onsite Emergency Response Capabilities in response to NTTF Recommendation 8; and 2) Draft NEI-developed guidance, "NEI 13-06, Guidance for Closure of Tier 2 Emergency Preparedness Enhancements from the NRC Near-Term Task Force Report" <sup>3</sup>. The public was invited to participate via meeting attendance, telephone conference and Web-based seminar ("webinar").

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The meeting notice is available via the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML13301A755.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The NTTF report is available under ADAMS Accession No. ML111861807.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Draft NEI 13-06 guidance is available via ADAMS under Accession No. ML13301A749.

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During the first portion of the public meeting, the NRC staff used a webinar format to present slides related to the preliminary proposed rule language<sup>4</sup> for NTTF Recommendation 8. Although no comments were collected at this time, the NRC, industry and other stakeholders discussed the draft text and the proposed path forward for rulemaking. NEI presented an industry perspective on severe accident mitigation strategies and related topics covered in the Onsite Emergency Response Capabilities rulemaking<sup>5</sup>. The NEI presentation also included information that industry had formed an Emergency Response Executive Steering Committee. Additionally, the Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group and Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group jointly presented on the integration of procedures and guidance, training and command and control capabilities.<sup>6</sup> The NRC expressed interest in receiving the generic Severe Accident Management Guidance by late December to early January, whereby NEI requested a formal NRC letter. At this meeting, the NRC made a commitment to hold public meetings specifically focused on the draft regulatory analysis, as well as draft guidance documents during the proposed rule phase.

In the second part of this meeting, the NRC staff discussed the collective comments on NEI 13-06 from the NTTF Recommendation 4, 8, and 9.3 working groups. The guidance document is intended to address the areas of training, facilities and equipment, drills, and multi-unit/multi-source dose assessment for those recommendations. Primary staff comments focused on the integration of activities, such as drills, to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the recommendations. NEI stated that they understood the staff's comments and would meet with their respective working groups to discuss the comments and potentially revise the NEI 13-06 guidance. The staff suggested that future meetings are needed in the upcoming months to finalize NEI 13-06 and would coordinate with NEI on scheduling the next meeting. NEI indicated that the next meeting could potentially take place in the February 2014 timeframe.

Members of the public participated in the webinar and asked clarifying questions throughout the meeting.

Enclosure: Participant list

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## Public Meeting to Discuss Preliminary Proposed Rule & Guidance Development

## Tuesday, November 19, 2013

# 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST

### Participant List at NRC Headquarters

## <u>Name</u>:

## Organization: