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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING BETWEEN THE U.S. NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF, THE NUCLEAR ENERGY
INSTITUTE AND INDUSTRY TO DISCUSS INTERIM STAFF
GUIDANCE NSIR/DPR-ISG-02, "EMERGENCY PLANNING
REQUESTS FOR DECOMMISSIONING NUCLEAR POWER
PLANTS"

The purpose of this public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and industry representatives was to allow the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff to discuss the application of precedent in the development of draft interim staff guidance (ISG) NSIR/DPR-ISG-02 (Agency-wide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML13304B44), so as to facilitate stakeholder review and comment, and to allow the public to participate.

The NRC staff provided a presentation (ADAMS Accession No. ML14064A568), which emphasized several key issues:

- Individual licensing actions would not be discussed as they were outside the scope of this meeting. The ISG is being developed in parallel to specific licensing activities;
- Comments need to be submitted through <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Per a request from NEI, the comment period was extended 30 days;

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