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Dear Mr. Hardy:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission meeting on the status of Near-Term Task Force (NTTF) recommendation 2.1 for seismic hazard reevaluations on October 7, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. The Commission is interested in hearing your views about improvements and challenges related to NTTF recommendation 2.1 – seismic at U.S. nuclear power plants. I am enclosing a copy of the meeting agenda for your information (enclosure 1). My staff will keep you informed of any updates to the agenda.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please e-mail any written material, including slides, to Ms. Rochelle Bavol and Ms. Sandy Joosten (rochelle.bavol@nrc.gov and sandy.joosten@nrc.gov) in the Office of the Secretary, by September 30, 2014, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for slides, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). PowerPoint is the preferred format, but other electronic presentation formats may be used. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: www.nrc.gov, and materials provided for the meeting will be posted on the NRC public website prior to the meeting: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/tr/. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bavol at 301-415-1651.

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 10 minutes, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention. Please avoid the use of acronyms. If you do use acronyms, please explain them during your presentation.

The NRC Headquarters building is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. Bavol in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort. Please

note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:
1. Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance

Final: 8/19/14

SCHEDULING NOTE

Title: **BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF NEAR-TERM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION 2.1 FOR SEISMIC HAZARD REEVALUATIONS (Public Meeting)**

Purpose: To provide the Commission with a discussion regarding the status of actions taken in response to Near-Term Task Force (NTTF) Recommendation 2.1, with a focus on the screening and prioritization of licensee submittals for reevaluated seismic hazards that could impact their site using current regulations and guidance.

Scheduled: **October 7, 2014**
9:00 a.m.

Duration: 3 hours 20 minutes

Location: Commissioners' Conference Room, 1st fl OWFN

Participants: **Presentation**

External Panel **50 mins.***

David Applegate, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 10 mins.*

Topic:

- USGS perspectives on the lessons-learned from Fukushima and implementation of improvements related to seismic reevaluations

David Heacock, President and Chief Nuclear Officer, Dominion Nuclear 10 mins.*

Topic:

- Industry progress on implementing March 12, 2012, Orders related to NTTF Recommendation 2.1 - Seismic

Greg Hardy, Senior Principal, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger 10 mins.*

Topic:

- Improvements and challenges related to NTTF Recommendation 2.1 - Seismic at U.S. nuclear power plants

Martin McCann, President, Jack R. Benjamin & Associates, Inc. and Consulting Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University 10 mins.*

Topic:

- Lessons-learned from Fukushima and implementation of improvements related to Seismic reevalutations

TBD 10 mins.*

Topic:

- Lessons-learned from Fukushima and implementation of improvements related to NTTF Recommendation 2.1 – Seismic at U.S. nuclear power plants

Commission Q & A **50 mins.**

Break **5 mins.**

NRC Staff Panel **40 mins.***

Mike Johnson, Deputy Executive Director for Reactor and Preparedness Programs and Fukushima Steering Committee Chairman
William (Bill) M. Dean, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
TBD, Japan Lessons Learned Division, NRR
Scott Flanders, Director, Division of Site Safety and Environmental Analysis, Office of New Reactors
TBD, Regional Administrator

Topics:

- Update on the progress on implementing NTTF Recommendation 2.1 - Seismic
- The results of NRC screening and prioritization
- The full seismic plant probabilistic risk assessments (PRAs)

Commission Q & A **50 mins.**

Discussion – Wrap-Up **5 mins.**

*For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's

Documents:
Staff background materials due to SECY: September 23, 2014.
Slides due to SECY: September 30, 2014.

- Use company/organization logo, and light background.
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- Explain/spell out acronyms or include a separate slide with a list of acronyms.
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Enclosure 2

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Date of Briefing

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