

## **U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Public Meeting Summary**

**TITLE:** Open Discussion of Publicly Available Nuclear Materials Events Database (NMED)

**MEETING IDENTIFIER:** 20141637

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 22, 2014

**LOCATION:** One White Flint North, Commissioner's Hearing Room

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Category 3

### **Purpose of Meeting**

This meeting was held to: (1) explain the purpose of the NMED, (2) discuss the staff's proposal for development of a publicly available version of the NMED along with its advantages and challenges; (3) discuss the staff's proposal for using the currently available NMED annual report as an alternate means of providing event information; and (4) to obtain the public's questions and feedback. (See agenda in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at accession number ML14258A057).

### **Summary of Presentation**

Angela McIntosh, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) NRC, gave the presentation; and Robert Sun, NRC, assisted in responding to questions. The presentation provided an overview of what the NMED is and why the NRC staff is considering developing a publicly available version of the NMED, and also explained an optional means of receiving the kind of event information that would be captured in a public NMED (i.e., the NMED annual report). The presentation also explained the challenges of a publicly available version of the NMED, with the chief concern being the inadvertent release of security information. The presentation is available in ADAMS at accession number ML14296A421.

### **Meeting Details**

Two members of the public as well as four individuals from the Agreement States attended the meeting via teleconference.

One member of the public commented that more information is needed than what is in the annual report. The person believed that the NMED would provide additional information such as the training status of persons, and also stated that people need to know what is happening in our hospitals. This member of the public also wanted to know if transportation events were included in the annual report and which government agency was responsible for nuclear weapons.

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In response, NMSS staff explained that the purpose of the current (non-public) NMED is to capture events information (not record personal credentials such as level of professional training). NMSS staff also clarified that transportation events and medical events are captured in the (non-public) NMED, but the Dept. of Energy is the Federal agency with oversight of nuclear weapons.

Another member of the public wanted information on radiation exposures to members of the public as well as to radiation workers, as a result of licensees' activities at nuclear power plants. In response, the staff clarified that the purpose of this public meeting is to obtain the public's feedback on the possible development of a public NMED or the use of the NMED annual report for providing events information. The staff requested the member of the public's contact information so that the request can be forwarded to the appropriate NRC contact(s) for response.

No Agreement States personnel had any comment during the meeting.

**Action Items/Next Steps**

- NMSS staff forwarded the member of the public's contact information to the NRC's Office of Public Affairs (OPA). OPA responded with the appropriate material within 2 days.
- NMSS staff will continue to engage the Agreement States, taking into consideration the outcome of the public meeting, to obtain the Agreement States' input concerning a final recommendation to NMSS management.

**Attachments**

Meeting agenda: ML14258A057

NRC staff presentation: ML14296A421

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