Panel 1: Licensing Biographies

Matt Gordon

Matthew Gordon earned a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Materials Science and Engineering and his Lean-Six Sigma Black Belt certification from Virginia Tech. He conducted research at the University of Illinois on alkali-activated cements for three years prior to joining the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). He has been with the NRC for seven years, primarily as a Materials Reviewer in Spent Fuel Management (SFM). During his time at the Agency he has also worked in the Office of Research performing probabilistic risk assessments and the Office of the Executive Director of Operations, streamlining the Agency's Reactor Oversight Process feedback program. He is currently SFM's Risk Analyst.

Huda Akhavannik

Huda Akhavannik is a Project Manager in the Division of Spent Fuel Management reviewing Part 71 casework. She has worked in the Division of Spent Fuel Management since joining the U.S. NRC in May of 2010 and has been the Project Manager of the High Burnup Task Force since its inception in November of 2012.

Rod McCullum

Rod McCullum has been working on used fuel management issues at NEI since 1998. He has 30 years of nuclear engineering, licensing, management and regulatory policy experience. Currently, at NEI, he leads industry technical and regulatory efforts to improve used fuel management systems. He held prior positions in Government (with the Department of Energy) and Industry (at three commercial nuclear power plants). He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering (University of Cincinnati, 1985) and a Master of Business Administration degree (Lewis University, 2000).

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