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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MAY 13 AND 14, 2015, WORKSHOP ON AN UPDATE
PROCESS FOR APPROVED TRANSIENT AND ACCIDENT
ANALYSIS METHODS

On May 13 and 14, 2015, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss a process that the NRC staff is considering by which vendors and licensees could update key models in their approved evaluation models. Information relevant to the workshop can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) package available at Accession No. ML15068A004.

The NRC staff opened the workshop by stating that it was looking for open dialogue from all participants. It further noted that the NRC staff did not have any preconceived notions on what was the right approach. Rather, the NRC staff was seeking all ideas on how this process could be developed and implemented.

Continuing, the NRC staff stated that if such a process were developed, vendors and licensees who adopted the process would be responsible for evaluating key models at certain intervals, but may also have the freedom to update those models without prior NRC review, provided certain conditions were satisfied.

The workshop then broke into two brainstorming sessions. One was focused on vendors who submit topical reports. The other covered NRC staff and public. From these sessions, the NRC developed a list of topics to discuss in a full session on May 14, 2015. The list of topics developed and the points raised in the full-workshop can be accessed through the ADAMS package.

Besides holding discussions during the workshop, participants could provide input until May 31, 2015. Comments received outside of the workshop are included in ADAMS.

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