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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AUGUST 10, 2016, MEETING WITH THE NUCLEAR  
ENERGY INSTITUTE TO DISCUSS NEI 16-03, "GUIDANCE FOR  
MONITORING OF FIXED NEUTRON ABSORBERS IN SPENT FUEL  
POOLS" (DRAFT)

On August 10, 2016, a Category 2 public meeting was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) at NRC Headquarters, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss some issues with the language in NEI 16-03 as highlighted in the meeting notice.

The public meeting was convened to discuss NRC staff concerns about certain aspects of the guidance in NEI 16-03. The NRC staff and NEI representatives had discussed whether or not to send a request for additional information (RAI), include limitations and conditions in the safety evaluation documenting the NRC staff's endorsement of the topical report or hold a meeting. NEI requested a public meeting to discuss particulars in the wording of the topical report, and to present its suggested changes to address the staff's concerns. The NRC's concerns were enclosed to the meeting notice, and NEI brought a red-line version of NEI 16-03 to the meeting. Additional changes were made to this version during the meeting. At the end of the meeting, NEI transmitted the updated red-lined version to the NRC staff to capture in the meeting summary. The meeting notice, agenda, NRC's discussion points, NEI's pre-, post-, and supplemental materials are available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System under Package Accession No. ML16209A375.

Members of the public attended the meeting in person and by phone. One comment was provided at the end of the meeting regarding the teleconference equipment audio quality.

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**NEI supplemental materials (ML16272A345, ML16272A346, ML16272A347);**

**Summary (ML16231A329);**

**Attendees List (ML16272A343) \*via e-mail                      \*concurrence via e-mail                      NRC-001**

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