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MEMORANDUM TO: Houman Rasouli
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2016, PUBLIC MEETING ON THE
PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE NRC POLICY STATEMENT ON
ENHANCING PARTICIPATION IN NRC PUBLIC MEETING

On September 29, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducted a public meeting to provide information regarding the proposed revisions to the NRC Policy Statement on Enhancing Participation in NRC Public Meetings. The purpose of this meeting was to provide information on the proposed revisions and to answer questions from the public to inform their comments on the draft policy statement. Two members of the NRC staff and six members of the public participated through phone and webinar.

Lance Rakovan, Senior Communications Specialist with the Office of the Executive Director for Operations made a brief presentation on the proposed changes to the policy statement and the reasons for the changes. He also discussed the means by which the public could provide comments on the proposed revisions.

Mr. Rakovan addressed questions from the public on several topics, including:

- The differences between the new categories.
- Clarification that Observation meetings will continue to have question and answer sessions with NRC staff and the possibility of using a different descriptor for that category of meeting.
- Clarification that the new categories are really meant to just present the types of meetings the NRC conducts in a way that provides members of the public more information on what level of participation they can expect – not to necessarily change the way NRC conducts public meetings.

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