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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JANUARY 12, 2017, MEETING WITH NUCLEAR
ENERGY INSTITUTE TO DISCUSS REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO UNPLANNED
CONTAMINATION EVENTS FOR FUEL CYCLE FACILITIES

On January 12, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 2 public meeting with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), fuel cycle industry, and members of the public. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the plan to clarify the regulatory requirements contained in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 40.60 and 10 CFR 70.50 regarding the reporting associated with unplanned contamination events at fuel cycle facilities. Issues related to these reporting requirements were originally identified via NEI's Regulatory Issue Resolution Protocol process, and were discussed at a preceding October 12, 2016 public meeting. A summary of the October 12, 2016 public meeting is available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession number ML16330A146.

During the meeting, the NRC reiterated the staff position on the requirements related to reporting of unplanned contamination events, and acknowledged that this position differs from the one held by industry. The staff also stated that the minimum acceptance criteria for exemptions from the reporting requirements, proposed by NEI, do not address the purpose of the regulatory requirement or propose an alternative method of compliance, and therefore are not acceptable criteria. Based on an inability to reach mutual agreement, the staff committed to

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Enclosures:

Meeting Participants List

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