

May 26, 2017

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE MAY 18, 2017, PUBLIC MEETING
BETWEEN THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
AND INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR POWER OPERATIONS

On May 18, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) participated in the annual Category 1 public meeting between the NRC and the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) at INPO Headquarters in Atlanta, GA. This meeting was the annual public information exchange meeting between the NRC and INPO as described in the INPO-NRC Memorandum of Agreement. The NRC and INPO exchanged information on major activities to avoid unnecessary and unintentional duplication of activities and to identify areas where independent activities by other organizations were warranted. After the open session, a closed session was conducted to permit dialogue that included INPO proprietary information. The public meeting agenda is available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML17114A414.

The attendees discussed the status of Fukushima lessons-learned implementation, Project Aim, and industry's "Delivering the Nuclear Promise" campaign. The NRC's presentation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17137A030.

Five members of the public participated in the meeting by telephone and webinar. The members of the public commented on the following topics:

- Safety standards for plants transitioning to decommissioning.
 - A member of the public expressed the view that the NRC is reducing safety at plants being decommissioned. The NRC indicated that, prior to issuing exemptions to its regulations for plants decommissioning, it thoroughly examines the basis for the exemptions. The NRC also offered that the decommissioning rulemaking draft regulatory basis is currently out for comment and encouraged participants to submit comments.

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- Transportation of liquid waste.
 - A member of the public noted his view that the NRC should increase its attention to the safety of liquid waste transportation.
- Potential surge in operator licensing over the next few years.
 - A member of the public indicated that over the next few years, NRC could license over 1000 new operators. He further asserted that over 90% of those prospective operators do not have control room experience. The NRC noted that it is prepared for the surge and that regional inspectors support all exams (not just those in their region). The NRC also noted that it requires a significant amount of control room experience even prior to offering the exam.
- INPO Updates in public session.
 - One member of the public questioned whether INPO provided an update during the public portion of the previous annual INPO/NRC meetings. The NRC indicated that INPO usually does not present during the public portion of the meeting since its information is proprietary. The NRC notes that, in the past, INPO has provided updates on changes to the accreditation program, if applicable.

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