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ORGANIZATION: National Organization of Test, Research, and Training Reactors

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MAY 22, 2018, MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF TEST, RESEARCH, AND TRAINING REACTORS

On May 22, 2018, a Category 2 public meeting was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and representatives of the National Organization of Test, Research, and Training Reactors (TRTR) at NRC Headquarters, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, via teleconference. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss NRC personnel changes, rulemaking, licensing, oversight, upcoming meetings, and other items of interest to the TRTR community. The meeting notice and agenda, dated May 3, 2018, are available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System at Accession No. ML18123A530. A list of attendees is provided as an enclosure. The following is a description of the topics covered by the NRC staff and the TRTR community.

Personnel Changes: Steven Lynch is the Acting Chief for the Research and Test Reactors (RTR) Licensing Branch until May 26, 2018, when Alexander Adams, Jr. will return. The RTR Licensing Branch welcomes William Kennedy who has returned after serving at the International Atomic Energy Agency for five years.

Licensing: Steven Lynch discussed NRC initiatives that have the potential to affect licensees in the areas of emergency planning, material control and accounting, retrospective review of administrative requirements and decommissioning. With regard to acceptance reviews of new licensing actions, licensees have been provided an opportunity to supplement incomplete requests; once sufficient information has been submitted, an estimated completion date is established. Progress continues to be made on the in-house digital instrumentation and control license amendment requests. A new webpage is planned to communicate rulemaking that has the potential to impact licensees. Such rulemakings will be discussed in future quarterly meetings.

Oversight: Anthony Mendiola requested that termination letters for operator licenses be addressed to him so they can promptly acted upon. A new operator licensing assistant has been selected and will be supporting the RTR operator licensing staff. There are new licensed operator application forms (NRC Forms 396 and 398), and on July 1, 2018, use of these forms will be mandatory to support the new application tracking system for operator licenses. Due to a change in staff, the wait time between completing an operator licensing exam and the issuance of the operator license has increased to between 30 and 45 days.

Meetings relevant to the interests of the TRTR community:

- October 28-November 2, 2018, TRTR Annual Conference, will be hosted by the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center, in Newport, Rhode Island, at the Newport Marriott. Potential topics for NRC day were discussed.
- May 23-24, 2018, SHINE Public Meeting, Rockville, MD
- November 19-23, 2018, International Atomic Energy Agency, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Upcoming 2018 TRTR Executive Committee Teleconferences are scheduled for Tuesdays, August 28 and November 27, 2018.

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