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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Bruce A. Watson, CHP, Chief  
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**ACTIVITY:** Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA)  
Section 108 Public Meetings to Collect Feedback on  
Establishment and Operation of Community Advisory Boards

**FACILITY:** Crystal River NEIMA Meeting

**SUBJECT:** SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING  
NEAR THE INDIAN POINT ENERGY CENTER REGARDING  
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY  
ADVISORY BOARDS

Background

On October 10, 2019, a Category 3 public meeting was held between U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, members of the public and interested stakeholders at the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, 915 North Suncoast Boulevard, Crystal River, Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to assist the NRC staff in identifying best practices and lessons learned for establishment and operation of local community advisory boards (CABs) associated with power reactor decommissioning activities.

These actions are being taken in response to Section 108 of NEIMA, which was signed into law on January 14, 2019, and requires the NRC to provide a report to Congress no later than July 14, 2020, identifying best practices for establishing and operating local community advisory boards to foster communication and information exchange between a decommissioning licensee and the local community, including lessons learned from such organizations.

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The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] under Accession No. [ML19232A502](#). A list of attendees is provided in Enclosure 1 (note that the names of some participants were not captured), the meeting transcript is available in ADAMS at Accession No. [ML19295G527](#), and is linked in Enclosure 2.

### Meeting

On October 10, 2019, the NRC staff held a public meeting to discuss the agency's activities in accordance with Section 108 of NEIMA to collect information on the use of local community advisory boards during decommissioning activities and issue a best practices report. The contents of this report will include a description of the type of topics that could be brought before a community advisory board; how the board's input could inform the decision-making process of stakeholders for various decommissioning activities; how the board could interact with the NRC and other Federal regulatory bodies to promote dialogue between the licensee and affected stakeholders; and how the board could offer opportunities for public engagement throughout all phases of the decommissioning process. The report will also include a discussion of the composition of existing community advisory boards and best practices identified during the establishment and operation of such boards, including logistical considerations, frequency of meetings, and the selection of board members.

Representatives from the NRC staff gave a presentation on the requirements of NEIMA Section 108, and presented the various methods to provide feedback on best practices and lessons learned from community advisory boards. This presentation can be found in ADAMS at Accession No. [ML19276F110](#), and is linked in Enclosure 3. Additional information on NEIMA Section 108, as well as an electronic means of providing comments, are available at the NRC public website at: <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-section-108.html>.

At the end of the presentation, the NRC staff received feedback from members of the public and other stakeholders on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108. The comments and questions received are summarized in Enclosure 4, and focused primarily on the membership of community panels, the independence of the panel as an advisory body, and the ways in which the panel can establish and maintain outreach with the community. To date, no Public Meeting Feedback forms were received.

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### Enclosures:

1. List of Attendees
2. Public Meeting Transcript
3. NRC Presentation Slides
4. Summary of Public Comments

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

OCTOBER 10, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR

THE CRYSTAL RIVER UNIT 3 NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT REGARDING

THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

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Vernon Lawter  
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\*note that name spelling is approximate

**Enclosure 2**

**Crystal River NEIMA Section 108  
Public Meeting Transcript**

**[ML19295G527](#)**

**Enclosure 3**

**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Presentation Slides**

**[ML19276F110](#)**

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM THE  
OCTOBER 10, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR  
THE CRYSTAL RIVER UNIT 3 NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT REGARDING  
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

During the public comment portion of the Crystal River NEIMA Section 108 public meeting, the NRC staff received feedback from members of the public and other stakeholders on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108 regarding best practices and lessons learned for community advisory boards. Comments and feedback were received on the following topics:

- A community advisory board (CAB) is not the only means of effective engagement. There are other methods to communicate information to interested members of the community (e.g., regular email updates, presentations at community events, open houses, website, plant tours).
- Licensees should proactively communicate and engage with all stakeholders and residents before shutdown and throughout the decommissioning process.
- Communities should be proactive in mitigating the effects of a plant shutdown. A committee should be formed to provide some planning as it relates to the local economy.
- There is not a one size fits all approach when it comes to community engagement in the decommissioning process. Stakeholder engagement should be based on the needs and preferences of the local community.
- Licensees should research the needs to the local community with respect to their engagement preferences.
- Licensees should be fully engaged in helping the community understand their corporate direction and related decommissioning plans and timetables.
- CABs have been, and are continuing to be, instrumental in moving issues forward in areas where plants have been shut down.
- Decommissioning funds should be made available for CAB support.
- The NRC should make the establishment of a CAB mandatory on or before the date of plant shutdown.
- An economic impact study of the effects of the plant's closure should be conducted.
- Effective engagement is based on a commitment from all parties to openness in dialog.
- CABs could be very vital to a community if established ahead of time.