

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Public Meeting Summary

Title: 2021 Force-on-Force (FOF) Inspection Hardship Criteria

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, February 03, 2021

Location: Teleconference

Type of Meeting: Public

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting was to have discussions with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), NextEra, Entergy, and industry stakeholders regarding 2021 FOF hardship criteria.

Attendees Include Representatives From:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

NEI

NextEra

Entergy

Other industry stakeholders

Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)

General Summary:

The office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) staff hosted a public meeting with representatives from NEI, NextEra, Entergy, and the UCS to discuss FOF inspection hardship criteria in calendar year (CY) 2021 during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). During this meeting, the NSIR staff provided a brief recap of the NRC actions taken regarding FOF inspections during the PHE, specifically the updates made to the FOF inspection procedures. NSIR staff then explained the process that would be used in CY2021 to evaluate site-specific hardships that could impact the safety of both the NRC inspectors and site employees and how the FOF inspection could be adjusted to minimize these issues. NSIR management closed the presentation by opening the floor for discussion and related questions to all participants. Licensee and industry representatives expressed concerns related to resuming certain FOF inspection activities but overall supported the NRC's planned path forward. Dr. Ed Lyman of the UCS agreed that the NRC should conduct FOF exercises safely during this PHE but also cautioned the length of time between evaluations.