

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Public Meeting Summary

Title: Meeting with Industry to Discuss U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) force-on-force (FOF) Inspection Plan for Calendar Year 2022

Date of Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Location: Teleconference Teams Meeting

Type of Meeting: Public

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting to discuss how the NRC staff intends to implement full FOF inspections in 2022 with tiered approaches to account for COVID-19 conditions.

Attendees include representatives from:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Nuclear Energy Institute
NextEra
Entergy
CERTREC
Other industry stakeholders
Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)

General Summary:

The office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response staff hosted a public meeting with representatives from Entergy, NextEra, the Nuclear Energy Institute, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and power reactor licensees to discuss the staff's plan for conducting FOF inspections in calendar year 2022. The staff presented its objective to conduct normal FOF inspections using Inspection procedure (IP) 71130.03 Contingency Response – Force-on-Force Testing,” with options to transition to using Addendum 5 to IP 71130.03 for COVID-19 mitigation if the licensee is unable to conduct two full exercises or use the IP 92707, “Security Inspection of Facilities Impacted by a Local, State or Federal Emergency where the NRC’s Ability to Conduct Triennial Force-on-Force Exercises is Limited,” if the licensee is granted a hardship as outlined in Temporary Staff Guidance, “Additional Guidance for Force-on-Force Inspections During the Public Health Emergency.” Staff presented on-site COVID-19 conditions and trends as initial screening criteria and other considerations such as impact on site’s ability to post appropriate exercise players and controllers to determine which IP would be used to conduct FOF inspection.