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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS BETWEEN NRC STAFF AND STP NUCLEAR
OPERATING COMPANY (STPNOC) REPRESENTATIVES ON MULTIPLE
EXEMPTION REQUEST SUBMITTED JULY 13, 1999 - REVISION 1

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, August 31, 1999 (see note)
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel Rockville
1750 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues associated with STPNOC's recent request to exclude safety-related "low risk significant" and "non-risk significant components," designated under its Graded Quality Assurance (GQA) program, from the scope of special treatment requirements of the regulations. The agenda will include an overview of the exemption request, a discussion on the STP GQA program, probabilistic risk assessment insights, and other related topics.

PARTICIPANTS:* Participants from the NRC include members of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR).

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NOTE: This meeting is expected to carry over to September 1, 1999. STPNOC will meet with the Risk-Informed Licensing Panel from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Room O-5B4, at NRC Headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. In addition, the staff will meet with STPNOC between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in Room O-4B4, for technical discussions, if necessary.

Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499

Attachment: Meeting Agenda

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**NRC - SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT PUBLIC MEETING
GQA EXEMPTION REQUEST**

MEETING AGENDA

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, August 31, 1999
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel Rockville
Plaza II Conference Room
1750 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD

PURPOSE: To discuss the South Texas Project's Request for Exemption, submitted on July 13, 1999, to exclude certain components from the scope of special treatment requirements imposed by various regulations:

- Provide an overview of the Graded Quality Assurance component safety significance determination process,
- Discuss the scope and basis of the Exemption Request, and
- Address the NRC staff's questions concerning the Exemption Request.

AGENDA:

| Topic | Name | Organization | Schedule |
|---|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| I. Open Meeting | T. Alexion | NRC | 8:30 - 8:40 10 minutes |
| II. STPNOC Introduction - Purpose/Desired Outcomes | S. L. Rosen | STPNOC | 8:40 - 8:50 10 minutes |
| III. History/Background on GQA | S. L. Rosen | STPNOC | 8:50 - 9:00 10 minutes |
| IV. STP's GQA Approach A. PRA Insights - Model Basis/Details/Quantification - Risk Determination Inputs | C. R. Grantom | STPNOC | 9:00 - 9:30 30 minutes |
| B. Deterministic Insights - Working Group makeup - Evaluation processes - Review example evaluations | G. E. Schinzel | STPNOC | 9:30 - 10:05 35 minutes |
| BREAK | | | 10:05 - 10:15 10 minutes |
| C. Documentation/Approval - Documented in Risk Significant Bases Document (RSBD) - Expert Panel duties - Documentation control/retention | G. E. Schinzel | STPNOC | 10:15 - 10:30 15 minutes |

| Topic | Name | Organization | Schedule |
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| V. Implementation of GQA A. STP's Intentions - Vision - Actions taken to date - Obstacles to achieving vision - Need for exemption request | C. R. Grantom G. E. Schinzel S. E. Thomas S. E. Thomas | STPNOC | 10:30 - 10:50 20 minutes |
| VI. Exemption Request Overview A. Review Exemption Details - Exemption vs. RIP50 Effort - Review regulations requesting exemption - Review justification | A. W. Harrison | STPNOC | 10:50 - 11:35 45 minutes |
| LUNCH BREAK | | | 11:35 - 12:45 70 minutes |
| VII. NRC Staff Questions and Comments A. Review submitted questions B. Other questions and comments | R. Gramm T. Alexion All | NRC | 12:45 - 2:00 |
| BREAK | | | 2:00 - 2:10 10 minutes |
| VII. NRC Staff Questions and Comments (continued) A. Review submitted questions B. Other questions and comments | R. Gramm T. Alexion All | NRC | 2:10 - 3:10 |
| BREAK | | | 3:10 - 3:20 10 minutes |
| VII. NRC Staff Questions and Comments (continued) A. Review submitted questions B. Other questions and comments | R. Gramm T. Alexion All | NRC | 3:20 - 4:20 As necessary |
| VIII. Closing Comments | S. L. Rosen R. Gramm T. Alexion | STPNOC NRC NRC | 4:20 - 4:30 10 minutes |