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Subject: Licensing Information Forum - Follow Up

Joe,

I offer the following proposed items as follow up to the two breakout sessions on CRGR/Backfits:

1. Consider updating NUREG-1409 to
encourage feedback/communication to NRC Office Directors
establish an expedited appeal process - current process too formal
define terms - "voluntary," "compliance," others?
CRGR review NRC use of "industry initiatives" in the regulatory process should NRC
proceed with establishing internal guidance.
2. Increase CRGR scope - recent changes to CRGR scope to review of inspection procedures.
Recommendation that CRGR consider reviewing inspection results and findings.
3. Open CRGR meetings - consider one public meeting on a trial basis.
4. Status of RES (formerly AEOD) review of plant-specific backfits. This
was due to be completed last year.
5. Role of Backfitting Rule in the risk-informed optional rulemakings -specifically safety
enhancements and new regulatory positions; and what disciplined process should be
established to ensure these "options" are justified in some manner to demonstrate a continuing
focus on safety. At this point, such a process does not appear to exist since the backfitting
rule may not apply because of the voluntary, optional nature of these proposed regulations.
6. NRC guidance on licensing actions having an impact on control room habitability - despite
the NRC and industry efforts to develop a technical/regulatory solution, it appears new
regulatory positions are being applied via the attached memorandum. [It did not appear that
you or Brian
were aware of this memorandum so I have attached a copy.]

That's what I have from my notes. Please call or e-mail if you have any questions or
comments. And, I am available to meet with you to discuss these at your convenience.

By the way, we received positive feedback from the workshop attendees on these breakout
sessions.

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