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SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2000, PUBLIC MEETING WITH
THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI) TO DISCUSS INDUSTRY'S
SAFEGUARDS PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SPA)

On October 19, 2000, NRC staff held a public meeting with representatives from NEI, industry, and the public. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Draft 6 of industry's proposed Safeguards Performance Assessment Program (SPA), (Attachment 1), and any definitive issues carried over from the September 6, 2000, public meeting.

NEI opened the meeting with issues to NRC comments of the previous SPA draft. Salient points were recognized and commented on by NRC staff. Topics of discussion included:

1. Issues on enforcement regarding a grace period for issues identified during the first year of the pilot program.
2. Revision of the current Physical Protection Significance Determination Process to address certain enforcement concerns.
3. Differences between the current inspection program and the industry's proposed pilot program.
4. Further clarification regarding the use of "core damage" as the basis for performance criteria.
5. Target sets and operator actions as they relate to the conduct of Operational Safeguards Response Evaluations (OSRE).

NRC staff agreed to provide comments on Draft 6 of the SPA Program to the industry by November 3, 2000. The final version of the SPA and comments on issues will be forwarded to the Commission for approval. Once approved, NRC and NEI will establish a joint working group to schedule and facilitate implementation of the SPA program. NEI intends to forward the NRC approved SPA Program to the industry by November 30, 2000, and implementation is anticipated to commence by January 1, 2001, at a rate of two sites a year in each region.

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