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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JANUARY 11, 2001 MEETING WITH THE NUCLEAR
ENERGY INSTITUTE REGARDING CONTROL ROOM HABITABILITY

On January 11, 2001, representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Control Room Habitability (CRH) Task Force met with staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) at the NRC's offices in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss NRC comments on Appendix C of NEI 99-03, "Control Room Habitability Assessment Guidance" and associated issues. The staff's comments were organized in a series of appendices with each appendix discussing the assumptions for evaluating the radiological consequences of a specific type of accident at a light water reactor. Attachment 1 is a list of those attending the meeting.

In a previous discussion with the Task Force, they agreed that using language similar to the guidance in Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.183, "Alternative Radiological Source Terms for Evaluating Design Basis Accidents at Nuclear Power Reactors," would be beneficial. The staff presented their comments in this manner (Attachment 2). The staff pointed out that the comments were still in development and the numbering of the sections was under revision. Overall, the Task Force agreed with the NRC draft comments. Most of the Task Force's comments were suggested clarifications to the wording.

A significant portion of the meeting was spent discussing methods for calculating atmospheric dispersion for control room habitability design basis accident dose assessments. To facilitate the discussion, the staff had provided a draft feasibility study to the Task Force (Attachment 3). The draft study discussed potential adjustments to the ARCON96 computer code (Ramsdell and Simonen 1997). ARCON96 was developed as an alternative to the Murphy-Campe methodology (Murphy and Campe 1974). The potential adjustments discussed address two issues that arose after the release of ARCON96, namely, making calculations for (1) stack releases and (2) high velocity vent releases. For elevated releases, one potential adjustment would consider that, under some meteorological conditions, effluent that would otherwise essentially pass well above the control room air intake could be drawn into the intake. With respect to the high velocity vent release issue, the Task Force reiterated their point that high velocity vent releases may have significant plume rise which would reduce the amount of effluent drawn into the control room air intake. The staff agreed, but noted the difficulty of calculating the plume rise for varying meteorological conditions and for different plant configurations, and determining the potential influence of the plant building complex on the

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After discussing the draft study, the meeting was adjourned.

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