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The staff planned on issuing improved license renewal guidance documents: Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) report, Standard Review Plan for License Renewal, and Regulatory Guide for License Renewal (endorsing NEI document 95-10, as appropriate). In a January 31, 2001, public meeting, NEI proposed, and the staff concurred, that it would be beneficial to resolve implementation issues of these documents through a demonstration project.

At the conference call, NEI indicated that the demonstration project would consist of sample portions of a license renewal application describing aging management programs that (1) met the GALL report, (2) differed in certain attributes from that evaluated in the GALL report, and (3) were plant specific. The staff indicated that it would be useful if the project also included documentation supporting the applicant's determination that its programs belonged in one of these 3 types. The staff and NEI concurred that the demonstration project should exercise as much of the implementation steps as practical.

NEI indicated that they planned on submitting the information on the demonstration project by the end of April and requested the staff to complete its review by the end of June.

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