

March 3, 2003

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MEMORANDUM TO: Christopher I. Grimes, Program Director  
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FROM: Joseph L. Birmingham, Project Manager **/RA/**  
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MEETING WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI)  
REGARDING MANAGING FIRE PROTECTION ISSUES

DATE AND TIME: **March 18, 2003**  
**1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
One White Flint North  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852-2738  
Room O-10B4

PURPOSE: To discuss management of current and emerging fire protection issues.  
A preliminary agenda is attached.

PARTICIPANTS\*: NRC NEI/Industry  
Suzanne Black Fred Emerson, NEI  
John Hannon Gary Gates, OPPD  
Eric Weiss, et al et al

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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR NRC/NEI MEETING  
ON FIRE PROTECTION ISSUES (agenda changes in bold)**

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Introduction and Opening Remarks NRC/NEI

Discussion of Fire Protection Issues NRC/NEI

Discuss potential incentives to promote adoption of NFPA 805 (e.g., credit for self-assessments)

Consider a risk-informed approach to (1) establish licensing basis issue priorities; (2) provide a threshold to identify emerging issues that warrant resource expenditure; and (3) govern the processing of licensing basis issues for licensees adopting 805 rule

Discuss results of a risk-informed evaluation of fire suppression requirements

Determine the appropriateness of fire watches being used for non-safety compliance issues and the need for followup action

**Discuss Fire Protection Scoping Position Paper**

Opportunity for Public Question and Comment Public

Regional feedback on NEI concerns with inspections in the areas of post-fire safe shutdown and the regulatory process (Chuck Casto is planning to attend)

Clarify the process and documentation necessary to provide fire-protection issue closure

Discuss the interim inspection guidance for manual actions

**Discuss pilot program for manual actions**

**Discuss acceptable compliance for associated circuits in light of new inspector guidance being developed**

Discuss a planned evaluation of results from first round of triennial inspections

Opportunity for Public Question and Comment Public

Plans and Topics for Future Meetings NRC/NEI



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