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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AUGUST 25, 2003, WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS
INSPECTIONS, TESTS, ANALYSES AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA
(ITAAC) FOR OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS (PROGRAMMATIC ITAAC)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public workshop on August 25, 2003, at NRC Headquarters to discuss ITAAC for operational programs (programmatic ITAAC). The meeting was transcribed and facilitated. A list of attendees is provided as Enclosure 1. The meeting agenda is provided as Enclosure 2.

Handouts were provided during the meeting by both the staff and NEI. The handouts can be accessed through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML032400437. The corrected transcript from the meeting is also accessible through ADAMS under Accession No. ML032530003. This system provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the handouts located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

The purpose of the meeting was to engage interested stakeholders regarding programmatic ITAAC. The staff drafted a proposal that was discussed at the meeting. The staff mentioned during the workshop that it also issued a *Federal Register* Notice on July 24, 2003, (68 FR 43767) soliciting comments on the proposal. The *Federal Register* comment period ends September 15, 2003.

The workshop was in the form of a roundtable discussion. Although the focus of the meeting was on the roundtable discussion, there were opportunities for members of the audience to offer comments and ask questions. The members of the roundtable are listed in the following table.

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Agenda
August 25, 2003 Programmatic ITAAC Workshop

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome, objectives, ground rules, introductions
Francis "Chip" Cameron, Facilitator
- 1:10 p.m. Overview of ITAAC

Jim Lyons, Director, New, Research and Test Reactors, NRC
Joseph Sebrosky, NRC
- 1:30 p.m. Participant questions
- 1:45 p.m. Participant perspectives
- 2:15 p.m. The need for a programmatic ITAAC: policy perspective
Participant discussion
- 2:45 p.m. Potential alternatives to a programmatic ITAAC (for example, the NRC draft
proposal; a NEI proposal; other proposals)
Participant discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. What programs should be covered by a programmatic ITAAC?
Participant discussion
- 4:15 p.m. Future implementation steps
Participant discussion
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn