

September 17, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO: Catherine Haney, Director  
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Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MEETING WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (NEI)  
REGARDING HIGH BURNUP FUEL ISSUES

DATE AND TIME: October 1, 2003  
8:30 a.m - 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Two White Flint North  
11545 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852  
Room T-10A1

PURPOSE: To provide opportunity for NEI/EPRI to exchange information with the  
NRC staff on the industry program regarding nuclear fuel issues. A  
preliminary agenda is attached.

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NEI/Industry  
A. Marion, NEI  
R. Yang, EPRI  
R. Montgomery, Anatech, et al.

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meeting by discussing regulatory issues with the NRC at designated  
points identified on the agenda.

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Attachment: Agenda  
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PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR NRC/NEI MEETING  
REGARDING EPRI ROBUST FUEL PROGRAM  
AND HIGH BURNUP FUEL ISSUES

October 1, 2003; 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
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- Introduction and Opening Remarks NRC/NEI
- EPRI Robust Fuel Program Overview EPRI
- EPRI Topical Report on Reactivity Initiated Accident (TR-1002865) EPRI
- Fuel Failure Trends and Recent Fuel Failures EPRI
- Opportunity for Public Questions and Comments NRC/Public

Short Break

- Hot Cell Exams EPRI
- UT Cleaning Techniques EPRI
- Opportunity for Public Questions and Comments NRC/Public
- Summary NRC/NEI/EPRI

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