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SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2003 MEETING WITH NEI, EPRI AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES ON RISK MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS GUIDELINES FOR INITIATIVE 4b

The NRC staff met with Industry representatives on December 16, 2003, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting attendees are listed in Enclosure 2.

The agenda (Enclosure 3) consisted of discussions of: the Industry presentation (Enclosure 4) on Risk Management Technical Specifications (RMTS) Guidelines for RMTS Initiative 4b, Risk-Informed Completion Times; and, the Industry response (Enclosure 5) to the NRC Staff review comments to the prior version of the RMTS Guidelines. The current version of the RMTS Guidelines are provided in Enclosure 6. Following is a brief description of the discussions.

The information and level of detail contained in the RMTS Guidelines will determine whether Initiative 4b will be a candidate for the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process (CLIIP), and to a greater degree, whether exportable guidance will be provided to the follow-on plants to the pilot plants. The RMTS Guidelines needs to provide exportable guidance that is applicable, reliable and repeatable in other follow-on plants. With this objective in mind, pilot plant acceptance criteria needs to be established for initiative 4b. The NRC staff will propose pilot plant and RMTS Guidance acceptance criteria for discussion at the next meeting on RMTS Initiative 4b. In addition, to ensure that the industry and NRC staff are proceeding in a legally acceptable manner with RMTS Initiative 4b, the NRC staff will discuss the possible processes to be utilized with the NRC Office of General Council. The RMTS Guidance document must contain discussions of the following:

- The RMTS Initiative 4b Configuration Risk Management (CRM) process must be an enhanced (a)(4) risk assessment and management process that is consistent with NUMARC 93-01, Revision 2 Section 11, which is endorsed by the NRC in RG 1.182. Note: Section 11 is the same in Revisions 2 and 3 to NUMARC 93-01.
- Reactor Oversight Performance Indicators, PRA annual evaluations, risk assessment evaluations, and instantaneous and aggregate risk limits must together act as an incentive to limit the time in the extended Risk-Informed Completion Times (CT). The process should result in an ALARA like process to maintain risk as low as reasonably achievable. An LCO exit strategy must be addressed.
- The 30 day CT backstop needs to be explained and justified in the RMTS Guidance. It should be utilized with applicable systems when catastrophic type failures are experienced, and not for routine and expected maintenance.
- Risk assessments for preplanned entries into an extended Risk-Informed CT (RICT) must be conducted prior to entry. The 24 hours provided to complete risk assessments for emergent conditions needs to be explained and justified. For emergent conditions the on-line risk assessment must be performed within 1 hour after entry into the RICT, or within the 1 hour an initial assessment must be made that confirms that 24 hours to complete the full configuration risk assessment is acceptable.

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- The RMTS Guidance must explain that a plants ability to apply RMTS Initiative 4b must be commensurate with its PRA Quality. The plants PRA Quality must be consistent with DG-1122 (trial Reg Guide 1.200) guidance.
- The level of documentation required for an RMTS Initiative 4b risk assessment must be described.
- The RMTS Guidance must be consistent with the processes described in the STP and CE pilot plant proposals. Terminology needs to be consistent between the RMTS Guidance, the pilot proposals, and the (a)(4) program.
- The RMTS Guidance should provide direction on whether the process should apply to all LCOs.
- The RMTS Guidance should discuss how the blending of a qualitative assessment with the quantitative assessment should occur.

The industry intends to apply RMTS Initiative 4b to emergent plants conditions that will include complete loss of system function; Initiative 4b will subsume Initiative 6 on LCO 3.0.3 entry. The industry needs to address the nexus between Initiative 4b and Initiative 6.

It is expected that SERs will be written for the STP and CE (Fort Calhoun) pilot plant proposals, and for the subsequent generic changes (i.e., Topicals and TSTFs). It is also expected that either an SER will be written on the RMTS Guidance document, or that it will become a Reg Guide.

The following meetings are planned:

January 21, 2004:	STP DG-1122 Pilot meeting
January 29, 2004:	Initiative 4b meeting covering RMTS Guidance changes needed to proceed with the pilots, RMTS Guidance and Pilot Plant acceptance criteria, and the CE pilot proposal (TSTF-424)
January 30, 2004:	Initiative 1, End States, CE TSTF-422 and BWR TSTF-423.

The week of January 12, 2004: CRM Forum at the FPL Juno Beach FL facility

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NOVEMBER 13, 2003

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AGENDA

TSS/NEI-EPRI RMTS GUIDELINES MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2003

9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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- Industry presentation of Initiative 4b, Risk-Informed Completion Times, RMTS Risk Management Guidelines
- Public Questions and Discussion
- Industry Response to NRC Staff of Acceptance Review Comments Presentation and Discussion
- Public Questions and Discussion
- Meeting Results and Follow-up Actions
- Closing Comments