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APPLICANT: Nuclear Energy Institute

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2006, CATEGORY 2 MEETING WITH
NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE TO DISCUSS DESIGN-CENTERED
APPROACH TO REVIEWING COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATIONS

On February 21, 2006, a public meeting was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), at the NRC Headquarters in Rockville, MD. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the design-centered approach to review combined license applications (COLAs). A list of meeting attendees is included as Attachment 1, and the agenda is included as Attachment 2. Attachment 3 contains the NRC meeting handouts on the design-centered approach, and Attachment 4 contains NEI's handouts on the industry's perspective on COLA Standardization which can be accessed through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). This system provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The handouts mentioned above may be accessed through the ADAMS system under Accession No. ML060550097. 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. A summary of the meeting is included below.

The NRC staff started the meeting by discussing the design-centered review approach for COLAs. The NRC staff stated that one decision is made for a specific reactor design, and that decision is promulgated from the reference COLA to all COLAs referencing the same reactor design. This approach will ensure safety, timely decisions, and effective use of resources. The approach is dependent on the applicants maximizing standardization of their COLAs. The staff and industry representatives discussed various aspects of a reference COLA, including when one would be identified and submitted, and what portions of a reference COLA would be considered standard. Industry representatives gave their presentation on industry activities and plans for COLA standardization. NEI and NRC staff discussed areas of a COLA which could be standardized along technology specific areas as well as technology neutral areas.

Members of the public were in attendance.

Please direct any inquiries concerning this meeting to Steven Bloom at 301-415-1313, or sdb1@nrc.gov.

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**Meeting with the New Plant Oversight Committee to Discuss the
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**Tuesday, February 21, 2006
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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Agenda for Public Meeting with Progress Energy Regarding
Planning Related to Possible Combined License (COL) Application
November 1, 2005, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Room O1G-16

1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Introductory Remarks	NRC
1:10 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Design-Centered Approach	NRC
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Strategies for Success	NRC
3:00p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Industry Perspective on COLA Standardization	NEI
3:45	Opportunity for Public Comments	
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn	