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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE CALL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2011
TO FURTHER DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR UPCOMING
TABLETOP EXERCISES FOR NEW REACTOR RISK APPLICATIONS
IN THE REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS (ROP)

On September 7, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), and applicable new reactor vendors participated in a conference call to discuss and further prepare for the upcoming ROP tabletop exercises for new reactor risk applications. The primary purpose of the call was to give the new plant vendors an opportunity to become familiar with, and ask questions about, their potential support for the ROP tabletop exercises. The list of participants in the conference call is included in Enclosure 1.

Prior to the call, on August 25, 2011, the NRC staff had hosted a public meeting with NEI and other interested stakeholders to discuss preparations for the upcoming ROP tabletop exercises for new reactor risk applications. The summary of that planning meeting can be found in ADAMS (reference ML112490087). At that meeting, the participants developed a tentative list of case studies for the tabletop exercises and identified the need to engage with the vendors of the new reactors involved in the proposed case studies in the near term to help prepare for the tabletops.

After brief introductions and a quick summary of the meeting held on August 25, 2011, the NRC staff presented the specific cases proposed for the upcoming ROP tabletop exercises (see Enclosure 2). These cases were further developed and adjusted based on closer review of the appropriateness of each case from the tentative list developed on August 25, 2011. The details of the proposed cases were compiled, made publicly available, and distributed to participants prior to the call. In describing the specific cases in Enclosure 2, the staff emphasized those areas where support from the vendors was specifically noted and would help inform preparations for the upcoming ROP tabletop exercises.

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The applicable vendors acknowledged the staff's need for supporting information and indicated they would provide the data necessary to support the case studies by September 16, 2011. The staff noted it would perform necessary calculations and further develop the case studies prior to the ROP tabletop exercises, tentatively scheduled for October 5, 2011. The staff noted its intent to make the package of proposed case studies publicly available prior to October 5, 2011, in order to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the ROP tabletop exercises.

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**Further Preparations for ROP Tabletops for
New Reactor Risk Applications**

September 7, 2011, 1-2p.m. EST

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