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Summary of June 20, 2012, Public Meeting to Discuss the Regulatory Basis for Streamlining Non-Power Reactor License Renewal

On June 20, 2012, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public meeting in Rockville, Maryland, to provide stakeholders and the public an opportunity to discuss the NRC's preliminary draft regulatory basis, to gather comments and discuss whether an adequate technical basis exists to proceed with rulemaking to issue new license renewal regulations for non-power reactors.

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I. Opening Remarks and NRC Presentation

The public meeting began with brief opening remarks followed by a presentation by the NRC summarizing the purpose of the meeting, providing historical background on non-power reactor license renewal issues, and describing proposed efforts to streamline the license renewal process. The NRC staff presented the findings associated with an analysis of the existing regulations and described possible options for reorganizing the structure of regulations that pertain to non-power reactors.

II. Discussion

The NRC staff described the regulatory constraints that currently exist, the ten options analyzed in the regulatory basis document, and the conclusions reached. and asked for public comment on the regulatory basis. Stakeholders provided feedback on a variety of considerations, including preferred options and features of a potential rulemaking.

III. Next Steps

The NRC staff explained that the draft regulatory basis document will be posted and noticed in the *Federal Register* and on www.regulations.gov on June 29, 2012, for comment until July 31, 2012. The staff encouraged stakeholders to provide comments on the document. Once comments have been received and analyzed, the draft regulatory basis will be revised accordingly and submitted to the Commission.

**June 20, 2012, Public Meeting
to Discuss the Regulatory Basis for Streamlining Non-Power Reactor
License Renewal**

Attendance List

NAME	AFFILIATION
Al Adams	NRC
John Adams	NRC
Howard Benowitz	NRC
Matt Berglund	University of Florida
Leo Bobek	UMASS Lowell
John Collier	ICF
Daniel Cronin	University of Florida
Tim DeBey	USGS
Morton Fleishman	AdSTM
Les Foyto	University of Missouri
Liz Gormsen	ICF
Duane Hardesty	NRC
Jere Jenkins	Purdue/TRTR
Jason Lising	NRC
Stephen Miller	AFRRI
Cindy Montgomery	NRC
Mary Muessle	NRC
Farhana Naseer	NRC
Jessie Quichocho	NRC
Greg Schoenbeck	NRC
Bill Schuster	NIST
Brian Shea	University of Florida
Jo Ann Simpson	NRC
Scott Sloan	NRC
Linh Tran	NRC
Mark Trump	PSU
Margaret Watford	NRC
Mike Whaley	University of Texas

**Agenda for Public Meeting
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

**June 20, 2012
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

PURPOSE: The purpose of the meeting is for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) to solicit comments on the draft technical basis document from the public licensees, and other stakeholders to confirm that an adequate technical basis exists to proceed with rulemaking to issue new license renewal regulations for non-power reactors.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Led By</u>
1:00 PM – 1:10 PM	Opening Remarks	NRC
1:10 PM – 2:00 PM	Analysis Findings and Options for NPR License Renewal	NRC
2:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Stakeholder Discussion and comments	NRC
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Invitation for Public Discussion	NRC
4:15 PM – 4:25 PM	Schedule and Next Steps	NRC
4:25 PM – 4:30 PM	Conclusion	NRC

Representatives from the NRC will discuss and answer questions about streamlining non-power reactor license renewal. Comments on the questions and discussion should be submitted to the NRC at www.regulations.gov using the NRC Docket ID: NRC-2011-0087 RIN: 3150-AI96 or using the NRC FORM 659, "NRC Public Meeting Feedback." The form will be available at the meeting or can be obtained by calling or emailing one of the meeting contacts.