

August 17, 2012

MEMORANDUM TO: Mark Thaggard, Deputy Director for Emergency Preparedness
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JULY 17, 2012, CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC MEETING
WITH THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE, AND INDUSTRY TO
DISCUSS THE DRILL AND EXERCISE PERFORMANCE,
PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

On July 17, 2012, a public meeting was held by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) with representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the nuclear industry at the Executive Boulevard Building, 6003 Executive Boulevard, Room 1B11, Rockville, Maryland. A list of meeting attendees is provided in the Enclosure. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible enhancements to the Reactor Oversight Process Drill and Exercise Performance (DEP) indicator under the Emergency Preparedness Cornerstone, specifically in regard to offsite notification timeliness.

The NRC staff presented a review of the white paper entitled "Drill and Exercise Performance Indicator Criteria Revision" (Reference Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Numbers: ML12201B324 and ML12201B358). The white paper summarized the purpose (basis) for the performance indicator (PI), general background on its development, and a discussion on regulatory requirements and associated guidance. NEI provided an industry perspective on the DEP PI with regard to regulatory requirements (Reference ADAMS Accession Number: ML12201B310).

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Public Meeting List of Attendees

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Fred Puleo (STPNOC/STARS)
Robert Kahler (NRC HQ)
Larry Baker (Exelon)
Martin Hug (NEI)
David Burgin (FEMA HQ)
Eric Schrader (NRC HQ)
Kimberly Gambone (NRC HQ)
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Enclosure