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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS ACTIVITIES
RELATED TO LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE FUKUSHIMA
DAI-ICHI NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ACCIDENT

On July 27, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff conducted a Category 2 public meeting with senior-level industry representatives and interested members of the public. During this meeting, the established "Steering Committees" (SCs) from the NRC and the nuclear industry, convened to primarily discuss ongoing activities related to lessons-learned from the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant accident. The NRC's presentation outlining the items discussed during the meeting can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), under Accession No. ML12226A454. The industry representatives did not prepare any written communications for the meeting; however, they participated in open dialogue with the NRC on the status of ongoing activities.

The NRC and industry representatives both emphasized the considerable progress already made on regulatory actions for the Tier 1 lessons learned (see SECY-12-0095, "Tier 3 Program Plans and 6-Month Status Update," for listing of activities). The NRC identified some areas where additional dialogue is needed to ensure the completion of the Tier 1 regulatory actions and the industry representatives provided their initial views on the topics. The NRC and industry both agreed that the identified issues will be resolved within the course of the NRC completion of the guidance documents, and will be further discussed during future public meetings.

A major discussion topic was the conduct of the seismic and flooding reevaluations, and the inclusion of downstream dam failure analysis and its impact on the plants ultimate heat sink. The industry representatives stated that they did not understand this issue would have to be analyzed for the near term seismic and flooding reevaluations, whereas the NRC stated that the official position had previously been established in SECY-12-0025, "Proposed Orders and Requests for Information in Response to Lessons Learned," and would require licensees to incorporate analysis of flooding related downstream dam failure impacts on loss of ultimate heat sink in the seismic and flooding reevaluations. The industry representatives stated that they would send a letter to the NRC outlining their concerns with this issue.

At the conclusion of the meeting, members of the public were invited to provide any comments on the specific actions being taken by the NRC or by the industry regarding the Fukushima lessons learned items. Members of the public mainly asked clarifying questions on ongoing activities, and there were some comments similar to previous comments received by the NRC.

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1. List of Attendees
2. NRC Staff Slides

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