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and Operational Programs
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SELF-ASSESSMENT

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As the lead for the assessment, you should ensure the Working Group focuses on solutions that, going forward, enhance existing NRC requirements and guidance related to Part 52 implementation, where necessary. In addition to the members in your group, additional Headquarters or Regional support will be provided to you, as requested. The Working Group should document its recommendations and their bases in a report to me on June 7, 2013. In addition, documentation of the recommendations should be completed in accordance with Management Directive 6.8 "Lessons-Learned Program," and submitted to the contact for that program.

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Post-Combined License Part 52 Implementation Self-Assessment Working Group Charter

PURPOSE

The purpose of this working group (WG) is to assess the implementation of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licensing and inspection requirements, policies, procedures and practices during the first year of post-combined license (COL) implementation of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 52. It is being established by the Office of New Reactors (NRO) as a continuous improvement initiative. The assessment should evaluate whether the outcomes of new reactor program activities have been effective, realistic, and timely, and where improvements can be made in keeping with the NRC's Principles of Good Regulation (Independence, Openness, Efficiency, Clarity, and Reliability).

WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The WG will be led by James Luehman, Deputy Director, Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Programs (DCIP), NRO. The other full time members are David Matthews, Director, Division of New Reactor Licensing, NRO and Mark Miller, Deputy Director, Division of Construction Projects, Region II. Catherine Scott, Acting Assistant General Counsel for New Reactors or her designee will provide the WG legal support with additional technical support provided by staff from the Division of Advanced Reactors and Rulemaking and DCIP, NRO.

SCOPE

The WG should select a group of the most significant licensing, inspection, and other regulatory actions taken during the first phase of post-COL Part 52 implementation to assess. While this assessment will be an internal agency review, the WG should provide early opportunity for external stakeholders to suggest areas for review by the WG and ensure due consideration of those actions that external stakeholders view as significant. The significance of the staff actions to be reviewed should be based on considerations, such as safety significance and NRC or licensee staff resources required.

PROCESS

As there are several ongoing new reactor program reviews associated with 10 CFR Part 52, the WG should endeavor to remain well informed and avoid duplicating work already in process or completed as part of those efforts. This specific assessment should include vertical slice reviews of the major licensing, inspection and other regulatory actions and decisions made during initial post-COL Part 52 implementation. Vertical slice reviews are examinations of the portions of the requirements, policies, procedures or guidance applicable to the specific actions considered significant within this assessment. WG observations that are best suited for incorporation into other new reactor program reviews, such as the Vendor Inspection Program Self-Assessment, the Part 52 Licensing Lessons-Learned Assessment and the Construction Reactor Oversight Process (cROP) Pilot Self-Assessment, should be coordinated and submitted for such consideration. The WG should develop specific opportunities for external stakeholder input and comment regarding the content of the report and its recommendations.

Enclosure

DOCUMENTATION

The WG should provide a written report to the Office Director of NRO, by June 7, 2013, which at a minimum documents the areas of review, findings, and any WG recommendations. The report will be made publically available.