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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 17, 2016, CATEGORY 2 MEETING
REGARDING FIRE-INDUCED CIRCUIT FAILURE TOPICS

On March 17, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and industry regarding fire-induced circuit failure topics and related regulatory guidance. The discussion focused on five technical white papers that support revisions to industry and NRC guidance documents. The white papers will be included as part of Volume 3 of NUREG/CR-7150, "Joint Assessment of Cable Damage and Quantification of Effects from Fire (JACQUE-FIRE)." The meeting announcement for this meeting is Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number [ML16077A150](#).

The NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research in collaboration with the Electric Power Research Institute led a working group composed of NRC and industry representatives in developing these technical white papers. The five white papers and a supporting technical document for one of the white papers are in ADAMS Package Number [ML16047A367](#). The working group indicated that the content of the white papers will be included as part of Volume 3 of NUREG/CR-7150 and the conclusions are expected to remain unchanged during the finalization of the NUREG/CR, however, the formatting and level of detail may change.

During the meeting working group representatives discussed the content of the white papers. The slides that were used to support their discussion are in ADAMS as Accession Number [ML16077A081](#). The discussion followed the slides.

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The technical recommendations provided in these five white papers provides a starting point to revise industry implementing guidance and NRC regulatory guidance related to fire-induced circuit failures. As discussed at the meeting the working group will revisit the wording used in the MSO white paper and they expect to have the product finalized in May or June 2016.

The NEI will use the information from the white papers to revise Revision 2 of NEI 00-01, "Guidance for Post-Fire Safe Shutdown Circuit Analysis," ADAMS Accession Number [ML091770265](#). NEI and industry stakeholders also intend to refine the information in Revision 2 of NEI 00-01, to be more consistent with the circuit failure practices in use today. This will be Revision 4 of NEI 00-01. NEI published a Revision 3 of NEI 00-01, but that revision was not endorsed by the NRC. The NRC staff suggested that when the next revision of NEI 00-01 is ready for NRC review that the NRC hold a public meeting to discuss the changes in NEI 00-01. Industry stakeholders were agreeable to that suggestion.

Currently NRC regulatory guidance, Regulatory Guide 1.189, Revision 2, "Fire Protection for Nuclear Power Plants," endorses portions of Revision 2 of NEI 00-01, for use. Upon the revision of NEI 00-01 based on these white papers, the NRC will consider portions of the revised NEI 00-01 for endorsement in the regulatory guide.

The meeting concluded with the next steps involved the working group revisiting the wording in the MSO white paper, finalizing and publishing Volume 3 of NUREG/CR-7150, and NEI providing a revision of NEI 00-01 to the NRC staff for review and discussion during a public meeting.

No public comments were made during the meeting.

A list of meeting attendees is enclosed with this memorandum.

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March 17, 2016

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