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MEMORANDUM TO: Diane Jackson, Branch Chief
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF A PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT
OF ENERGY REGARDING NON-LIGHT WATER REACTOR
DESIGN CRITERIA AND NON-LIGHT WATER REACTOR
PREPARATION ACTIVITIES ON MAY 17, 2016

On May 17, 2016, staff from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) met at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, 20852. The purpose of the meeting was to serve as an information exchange on the advanced reactor design criteria and non-light water reactor (non-LWR) readiness planning.

During the meeting, NRC staff provided an update to DOE staff and interested stakeholders on the non-LWR design criteria and the NRC's non-LWR preparation status. NRC staff noted that these topics will be covered during the NRC-DOE Advanced Non-LWR Workshop that will be held on June 7-8, 2016. NRC presentation slides can be located at Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML16137A500.

The development of new industry codes and standards for non-LWRs and technical staff training for future new non-LWR technology reviews are some of the NRC staff preparation goals for a comprehensive vision and strategy for non-LWRs and mission readiness. The NRC staff is also working on policy issues for small modular reactors that will also apply to non-LWRs.

During DOE's presentation (ADAMS Accession Number ML16137A477), DOE staff indicated that there is increasing industry interest in advanced reactors, including Congressional support. There are a number of vendors pursuing concept development and international activities. In 2014, DOE and NRC initiated a joint project for the development of General Design Criteria (GDC) for non-LWR concepts. Proposed GDC were sent by DOE to NRC in December 2014 with stakeholder input. Regulatory guidance is expected by 2017.

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The NRC staff continues to communicate with stakeholders through outreach activities. NRC staff noted that interested stakeholders can subscribe to the advanced reactor webpage at www.govdelivery.com that is available on the NRC public website to receive important messages and updates.

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**PUBLIC MEETING
ADVANCED REACTOR DESIGN CRITERIA AND NON-LWR ADVANCED PLANNING
Tuesday, May 17, 2016
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

PURPOSE: Information exchange on the advanced reactor design criteria and non-light water reactor (non-LWR) readiness planning.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Led By</u>
2:00 p.m. – 2:05 pm	Opening Remarks	NRC/DOE
2:05 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	NRC Status	NRC
2:20 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	DOE Status	DOE
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Public comments	Public
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn	All

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