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MEMORANDUM TO: Bruce A. Watson, CHP, Chief
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ACTIVITY: Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA)
Section 108 Public Meetings to Collect Feedback on
Establishment and Operation of Community Advisory Boards

FACILITY: NOVEMBER 19, 2019 NEIMA WEBINAR

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING
(WEBINAR) REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

Background

On November 19, 2019, a Category 3 public meeting webinar was held between U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, members of the public and interested stakeholders. The purpose of the meeting was to assist the NRC staff in identifying best practices and lessons learned for establishment and operation of local community advisory boards (CABs) associated with power reactor decommissioning activities.

These actions are being taken in response to Section 108 of NEIMA, which was signed into law on January 14, 2019, and requires the NRC to provide a report to Congress no later than July 14, 2020, identifying best practices for establishing and operating local community advisory boards to foster communication and information exchange between a decommissioning licensee and the local community, including lessons learned from such organizations.

The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. [ML19319A559](#). A list of attendees is provided in Enclosure 1, the meeting transcript is available in ADAMS Accession No. [ML19340A073](#).

Meeting

On November 19, 2019, the NRC staff held a public meeting webinar to discuss the agency's activities in accordance with Section 108 of NEIMA to collect information on the use of local community advisory boards during decommissioning activities and issue a best practices report. The contents of this report will include a description of the type of topics that could be brought before a community advisory board; how the board's input could inform the decision-making process of stakeholders for various decommissioning activities; how the board could interact with the NRC and other Federal regulatory bodies to promote dialogue between the licensee and affected stakeholders; and how the board could offer opportunities for public engagement throughout all phases of the decommissioning process. The report will also include a discussion of the composition of existing community advisory boards and best practices identified during the establishment and operation of such boards, including logistical considerations, frequency of meetings, and the selection of board members.

Representatives from the NRC staff gave a presentation on the requirements of NEIMA Section 108 and presented the various methods to provide feedback on best practices and lessons learned from community advisory boards. This presentation can be found in ADAMS at Accession No. [ML19319A055](#). Additional information on NEIMA Section 108, as well as an electronic means of providing comments, are available at the NRC public website at: <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-section-108.html>.

At the end of the presentation, the NRC staff received feedback from members of the public and other stakeholders on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108. The comments and questions received are summarized in Enclosure 2 and focused primarily on questions related to the membership of community panels, the independence of the panel as an advisory body, and the ways in which the panel can establish outreach with the community. To date, no Public Meeting Feedback forms were received. The webinar video can be found in the NEIMA public website: <https://nrc.rev.vbrick.com/#/videos/41dd8eaa-7e33-47c2-bed3-10156f15cacf>.

Please direct any inquiries to me at 301-415-3808 or by e-mail at Zahira.cruz@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zahira L. Cruz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Zahira" being the most prominent part.

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Enclosures:

1. List of Attendees
2. Summary of Public Comments

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

NOVEMBER 19, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING WEBINAR REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Bruce Watson, NMSS/DUWP
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Meeting Attendees

Mike	Fortini	Joe	Delmar
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John	Stang	Diane	Screnci
Madelyn	Calabrese	Eileen	Gilroy
Michael	Wright	Keilah	Smith

Bridget	Frymire
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Bruce	Montgomery
Rafael	Garcia-Bermejo
Peter	Wolf
Sandra	Talley
Laura	Schwartz
Thea	Wurzburg
Steve	Bertonaschi
Liz	Williamson
Hannah	Benson
Michael	Huerta
Kim	Anthony
William	Varley
Sarah	Fields
John	Matthews
Joan	Olmstead
Frederick	Petschauer
Richard	McGrath
Michael	Devlin
Ronald	Sheridan
Brian	Meeley
Ted	Smith
Michael	Pulik
Tom	Wallace
Jo	Gregory
Mike	Davis
Lisa	Nichols-Streck
Paul	Dressler
Meredith	Angwin
Cynthia	Jones
Jana	Bergman
Sally	Gellert
Vinod	Sharma
Leslie	Holden
Steve	Franzone
Bill	Maher
Daniel	Thompson
Dave	Goodman
Juli	Masi
Victoria	Leung
Matthew	Learn
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SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM THE
NOVEMBER 19, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING WEBINAR REGARDING
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

During the public comment portion of the NEIMA Section 108 public meeting webinar, the NRC staff received feedback from members of the public and other stakeholders on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108 regarding best practices and lessons learned for community advisory boards. Comments and feedback were received on the following topics:

- How can a Community Advisory Board (CAB) be established or formed?
- What jurisdiction should a CAB represent? Local community, State community?
- What are the criteria for being a member of a CAB? Who establishes the criteria?
- Who sponsors a CAB? State? Licensee? NRC?
- Can decommissioning funds be used to establish and support a CAB?
- Which are the existing CABs?
- What are the benefits of having a CAB?
- What power or authority do the CABs have? How are the CABs included in the decommissioning process?
- What is Congress going to do with the report? Enact new regulations on CABs?
- CABs should not merely exist to promote dialogue or to educate the public, but to serve as an advisory board.
- Other comments related to the nuclear power plant decommissioning process: radiological release criteria, spent fuel storage, decommissioning trust fund.