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ORGANIZATION: Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH NEI REGARDING THE NRC STAFF'S  
REGULATORY GUIDE AND NEI'S GUIDELINE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE  
LICENSE RENEWAL RULE

On February 20, 1997, representatives of NEI met with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff in Rockville, Maryland to present views on proposed guidance for inclusion in the final version of either the NEI "Industry Guideline for Implementing the Requirements of 10 CFR Part 54 - the License Renewal Rule," NEI 95-10, or the NRC staff's Regulatory Guide (RG), "Standard Format and Content for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses." A list of meeting attendees is provided in Attachment 1.

NEI requested the meeting and provided the proposed agenda contained in Attachment 2. Following is a summary of the views presented:

1. Status of NRC review of the industry's USI/GSI study

The NRC staff indicated that it is reviewing the NEI study of unresolved safety issues (USIs) and generic safety issues (GSIs) applicable to license renewal submitted by letter dated October 21, 1996, in conjunction with resolution of related public comments and will respond to NEI's submittal when completed.

2. Status of outstanding topics in NEI's December 21, 1997 letter

NEI indicated that the industry has reviewed the electrical components listed in Appendix B of NEI 95-10 and has proposed changes to modify the way some of the components are addressed. NEI requested a meeting to present its views. The NRC staff indicated that the meeting should be held after it has issued its position regarding the active/passive determination for a number of the components of concern.

3. NEI feedback on staff's handout in the January 21, 1997 meeting

Discussion on this topic was deferred to a later date.

4. Clarification on making the "license renewal" demonstration with existing programs

At the January 21, 1997, meeting with the NRC staff, NEI provided a proposed rewrite of NEI 95-10, Sections 4.2 and 6.0 to address, in part, the demonstration required in a license renewal application for existing programs that may be adequate for aging management during the period of extended operation. The existing programs of concern are those that have been in

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existence and are well understood by both the licensee and the NRC. NEI indicated that less information should be required to demonstrate the acceptability of an existing program than for new programs or plant programs for which the NRC staff is not as familiar. NEI also questioned whether the applicant is required to demonstrate for renewal that a component's current licensing basis design basis is maintained or that its functionality is maintained. The NRC staff indicated that it would issue a letter to NEI with its position on the demonstration required for existing programs.

5. Status of staff's review of the new inspection example (reactor coolant system nozzles) and the draft FSAR [final safety analysis report] example on level of detail

The NRC staff indicated that it is reviewing the subject NEI handouts from the January 21, 1997, meeting in conjunction with resolution of related public comments and will respond to NEI when completed.

6. Schedule: Reg. Guide/NEI 95-10 and Future Meetings

Future meetings were scheduled between NEI and the NRC staff for February 27 and March 6, 1997. NEI has requested a senior management meeting with Sam Collins, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. This meeting will be scheduled after the NRC staff has issued its positions on demonstrations for existing programs and NEI has evaluated them. The potential for scheduling weekly meetings between NEI and the NRC was also discussed.

7. Reg. Info. Conference

A brief discussion was held regarding the topics and industry participation in the NRC's Regulatory Information Conference scheduled for April 1 and 2, 1997. This topic will be discussed again in the future.



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Proposed Discussion Topics  
NEI/NRC Meeting  
February 20, 1997

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2. Status of outstanding topics in NEI's December 24, 1995 letter
  - 96-02, 96-03, and 96-19
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