

**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Closed Meeting Summary**

Title: Considerations for Resuming FOF Inspections during the Public Health Emergency (PHE)

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Location: Teleconference

Type of Meeting: Closed

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting was to have discussions with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and industry stakeholders regarding considerations and protocols for resuming NRC-conducted force-on-force inspections.

List of Attendees:

NRC: Brian Holian, Shana Helton, Sabrina Attack, Sam Lee, Russ Felts, Brian Thomas, Danté Johnson, Todd Keene, Tony Bowers, Ray Kellar, Steve Orth, Jim Maltese, Josh Berry, Dave Bradfield, Jeff Clark, Terrence Barry, Gene Bonano, Eric Bowman, Jeffrey Bream, Charles Bustamante, Everett Byre, Dana Caron, Pat Coughlin, James Downs, Nate Egan, Jasmine Gilliam, David Hostetter, Marshall Kohen, Robert Krsek, Jure Kutlesa, Jim Larsen, David McIntyre, William Orders, Jeremiah Ray, Cliff Roundtree, Steve Ruffin, Fanta Sacko, James Sheehee, Rebecca Stone, Shakur Walker, Lynnea Wilkins, Joe Willis, and Michael Ziolkowski

NEI: Sue Perkins, AJ Clore, Bill Gross, Lisa Hogg, Jerry Bonanno, Jennifer Uhle

TVA: Bryan Bayles, Chris Glover

Exelon: Glen Kaegi, Doug Batche, Jason Zorn

Southern Nuclear: Gerald Durham, Tim Baker, Erin Garrison

Xcel: Rob White, Adam Murphy

Energy Harbor: Phil Rowe

Dominion Energy: Richard Hanson, Adam Murphy, Mike Whitlock

Duke Energy: Brian Bernard, Chris Newton

NPPD: Jerry Bebb, Jim Haynes, Pat Carlock

PSEG: Trina Washington, Shane Blanchard, Bill Guthrie

PG&E: Dustin O'Neill

STP: Aldo Capristo, Jay Bodnar, John Pyle

Luminant: Wellington Tejada, Ken Peters

STARS Alliance: Chuck Coles

G4S: Mike Eitnhear

Excel: Jim Andersen

NextEra: Mark Fencil, Orlando Hernandez

Entergy: Jon LaPlante, John Cherubini

UCS: Dr. Ed Lyman

SOCOM: Mike Adams, Brandon Gebhardt, Scott Wilkerson

General Details:

NSIR staff hosted a closed meeting with representatives from NEI, NextEra, Entergy, and the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) to discuss considerations for resuming force-on-force (FOF) inspections. During the meeting, licensees and industry representatives expressed concerns related to resuming certain FOF inspection activities, given the anticipated duration of

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social distancing measures in place to protect the health of security personnel. NSIR staff discussed alternative approaches that could be used to assess licensee security program performance during the public health emergency, should FOF inspections continue to be delayed. NRC staff also identified that multiple factors would be considered in making decisions regarding the resumption and prioritization of inspection activities, including state, local, and site-specific conditions.

Summary of Presentation:

During this meeting the NRC provided a brief overview of the current infrastructure for FOF inspections and discussed the flexibility that has been extended to licensees by the NRC in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. NRC staff then explained some of the options for continued evaluation of licensee performance that have been discussed, including resumption of FOF inspections, abbreviated or delayed FOF inspections, and other near-term oversight measures. Industry representatives then explained current protocols in place among the licensee population for personnel health and safety and the current approaches to conducting performance-based evaluations. Finally, NRC staff and industry representatives had an open discussion on industry concerns regarding the resumption of FOF exercises and the potential difficulties created. NRC staff and industry representatives also discussed the extent to which aspects of the FOF inspection could be conducted while retaining currently in-place social distancing measures. Dr. Ed Lyman of UCS spoke and encouraged NRC to fully weigh the statements made by industry regarding the challenges associated with the conduct of inspections with the need to conduct oversight activities, especially given the exemptions that are being granted to provide relief to licensees from regulatory requirements.

Sabrina Attack closed the meeting by opening the floor for discussion and related questions to all participants.

Action Items/Next Steps:

- NRC staff will evaluate the information presented during the meeting to determine the appropriate level of oversight while still maintaining the health of the NRC and industry
- NRC staff will begin internal alignment

Attachments:

- Meeting announcement – ML20133K091
- Presentation – ML20133J812
- Meeting transcript - ML20135H080 (non-public)