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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 11, 2014, MEETING WITH THE
INDUSTRY AND STAKEHOLDERS TO DISCUSS FUEL CYCLE
REGULATORY ACTIVITIES AND THE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF
REGULATION

The staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) met with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), fuel cycle industry, and members of the public on December 11, 2014, in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the Category 2 public meeting was to discuss the cumulative effects of regulation, revision to the Fuel Cycle Integrated Schedule and Supplement, and the status of the NEI "Regulatory Issue Resolution Protocol." The meeting announcement is available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under the accession number ML14321A335.

The NRC staff presented updates to the regulatory items listed on the Fuel Cycle Integrated Schedule and Supplement (<http://www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/regs-guides-comm.html#cumeffects>) and received feedback from meeting participants on specific milestones and timelines. Industry requested clarification on why the Integrated Schedule in Title 10 of *the Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 73 rulemaking did not identify any opportunity for public comment. The NRC staff clarified that additional meetings would be added once the project entered the proposed rule phase. During the discussion on NUREG-1520, the NRC received industry clarification on a number of previously submitted comments regarding criticality. Participants questioned whether the level of detail, e.g., number of specific meeting dates, for the Revised Fuel Cycle Oversight Process was realistic and would be coordinated with industry. The NRC staff stated it would work to identify meeting dates that industry could support. The NRC staff also committed to review the information and update it regularly. NEI asked clarification on the scope of the Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) on natural phenomena hazards (NPH). They also asked if the ISG would provide guidance for responding to the

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The slides for the meeting presentation are included in Enclosure 1 and the attendees list is available in Enclosure 2. No regulatory decisions or commitments were made during the meeting.

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