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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE U.S. NUCLEAR

REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF AND THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE TO DISCUSS CURRENT LICENSE

**RENEWAL TOPICS** 

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) met on March 13, 2015, to discuss various topics on license renewal. Enclosure 1 is a list of the meeting participants. The agenda and slide presentations (Enclosures 2-5) are available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML15090A658.

A summary of the meetings discussion follows:

## 1. Subsequent License Renewal Schedule

The staff presented the NRC's subsequent license renewal (SLR) guidance documents schedule. The final Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) and SRP are expected to be issued in 2017. The industry representative stated that a letter of intent related to industry's SLR schedule would be submitted to NRC in mid-2015.

#### 2. Staff Visits to Industry Sites

The NRC staff thanked the industry for hosting a trip to the Salem and Hope Creek Generating Stations to observe non-destructive examination techniques and equipment in February 2015. The industry representative stated that the staff's upcoming visit to the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Charlotte facility on April 21-22 would focus on the concrete non-destructive examination and advanced welding technology.

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# 3. Update of EPRI Review of SLR Documents

An industry representative provided an overview on the EPRI review of its documents for possible modifications for SLR. The review encompassed approximately 1,400 documents. Roughly 200 documents were determined to merit further scrutiny. The full results will be available by the end of calendar year 2015.

#### 4. Status of NEI 14-12 and 14-13

An NEI representative provided an update on two NEI documents 14-12 "Aging Management Program Effectiveness," and 14-13 "Use of Industry Operating Experience for Age-Related Degradation and Aging Management Programs." NEI 14-12 (Enclosure 3) was released to the industry on February 18, 2015. It is applicable to facilities with renewed licenses during the period of extended operation (PEO). NEI 14-13 was approved in December 2014. However, it's implementation is deferred until the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) revises text-defining, age-related degradation in its INPO 12-009 "INPO Consolidated Event System (ICES) Reporting Requirements and Standards." Upon issuance, plants in PEO have one year to implement the guidance in this document.

## 5. Creation of Lead Plant Focus Group

An industry representative briefed the audience on the status of creating a lead plant focus group to prepare for future SLR applications. The focus group would review the draft GALL and SRP-SLR, as well as consider updates to NEI 95-10 "Industry Guideline for Implementing the Requirements of 10 CFR Part 54 – The License Renewal Rule" for SLR.

#### 6. SLR Roadmap and Communications

An NEI representative summarized the findings from an NEI communications focus group assembled to gauge the public response to the SLR. The key conclusions from the focus group findings included: (1) the term "second license renewal" is preferred over other terms for its clarity when communicating with the public, (2) the plant's physical condition is more important than it's actual age when considering SLR, and (3) NRC oversight is paramount for plants considering SLR.

# 7. Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group Activities Supporting SLR

The Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) commenced a review of its technical reports referenced in the GALL to determine if updates to these reports are needed for SLR. The review is expected to be completed by the summer of 2015. In addition, the PWROG is evaluating the need to examine whether the original time-limited aging analyses remain valid during the SLR.

#### 8. New Topics

The NRC staff plans to hold a public meeting on April 8, 2015, to review structure-related aging management programs for SLR.

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- 9. Action Items
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- d. NRC and NEI are to discuss how to number the GALL-SLR items in future biweekly meetings.
- 10. Public Participation

No one from the public participated.

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- 3. Industry Presentation on NEI 14-12 and 14-13 (ML15090A664)
- 4. Copy of NEI 14-12 (ML15090A665)
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# Meeting between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff and the Nuclear Energy Institute to Discuss License Renewal Topics March 13, 2015

#### **Attendance List**

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