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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Bruce A. Watson, CHP, Chief  
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Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery  
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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:** Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station NEIMA Meeting

**SUBJECT:** SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING  
NEAR THE OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING  
STATION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND  
OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

**Background**

On October 3, 2019, a Category 3 public meeting was held between U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, members of the public and interested stakeholders at the Holiday Inn Manahawkin/Long Beach Island 151 Route 72 West Manahawkin, New Jersey. 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.

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The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] under Accession No. [ML19232A504](#). A list of speakers is provided in Enclosure 1, the meeting transcript is available in ADAMS at Accession No. [ML19284B638](#), and is linked in Enclosure 2.

### Meeting

On October 3, 2019, the NRC staff held a public meeting 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. [ML19269B689](#), and is linked in Enclosure 3. 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 (70 attendees) on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108. The comments and questions received are summarized in Enclosure 4 and focused primarily on the need to establish a CAB, membership of community panels, exchange of information between the licensee and local community, and the ways in which the panel can establish and maintain outreach with the community. To date, no Public Meeting Feedback forms were received.

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### Enclosures:

1. List of Speakers
2. Public Meeting Transcript
3. NRC Presentation Slides
4. Summary of Public Comments

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

OCTOBER 3, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR

THE OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION REGARDING

THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

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Meeting Attendees\*

Ben Giovine  
Hirsh Singh  
James Devita  
Wayne McMullin  
Stuart Feldman  
Arthur Ricciardi  
Ron Martyn  
Paul Dressler  
Philip San Filippo  
Madeline Noto  
Sally Gellert  
Lynn Macoun  
Gary Tucker

Peg Houle  
Arthur Rone  
Nancy Caira  
Edith Ghbur  
Cathy Simms  
Brian Kubi  
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Marianne Clemente  
Stan Hales  
Regina Discenza  
Joseph Rullo  
John Pawlowski  
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\*note that name spelling is approximate

**Enclosure 2**

**Oyster Creek NEIMA Section 108  
Public Meeting Transcript**

**[ML19284B638](#)**

**Enclosure 3**

**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Presentation Slides**

**[ML19269B689](#)**

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM THE  
OCTOBER 3, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR  
THE OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION REGARDING  
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

During the public comment portion of the Oyster Creek NEIMA Section 108 public meeting, 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?
- Local community requested a CAB to be established for Oyster Creek. This would allow better technical exchanges in communications between the licensee and local community.
- If a CAB is not formed, could NRC act as a conduit for public information on decommissioning.
- NRC should require CABs.
- What are the criteria for being a member of a CAB? Who establishes the criteria?
- Diversity and level of knowledge of the CAB members; effectiveness of the CABs will depend on the background and knowledge of its members.
- Local citizens have diverse talents that could be a benefit to the community and license in the decommissioning process.

A copy of comment received by Paul Dressler at the meeting can be found in ADAMS at Accession No. [ML19295G662](#).