

December 23, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO: Michael Junge, Chief
Operator Licensing and Human Performance Branch
Division of Construction and Operational Programs
Office of New Reactors

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 3, 2008, MEETING WITH THE INDUSTRY
FOCUS GROUP ON NEW REACTOR OPERATOR LICENSING

On December 3, 2008, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public meeting with the Industry Focus Group on new reactor operator licensing to discuss the project plan for the revision of the knowledge and abilities catalogs (K/A Catalogs). Enclosure 1 lists the attendees at the meeting; one member of the general public was present. Enclosure 2 is the agenda for the meeting.

This was the latest in a series of meetings intended to promote efficient, effective, and consistent preparation and administration of new reactor operator licensing examinations. The industry presented an overview of the plan to update the existing PWR and BWR K/A Catalogs and to develop two new K/A Catalogs. Updates to the existing K/A Catalogs for evolutionary new plants (US-APWR, ABWR, and EPR) will be completed as addendums to the current catalogs to ensure K/A Catalogs for existing PWRs and BWRs are not altered by this project. Two new K/A Catalogs are proposed for the passive nuclear power plants (AP1000 and ESBWR). It is the industry intention to submit the updates and new catalogs to the NRC in 2011. Topics of discussion included the use of international operating experience, impact of CRGR and ACRS review on the schedule, impact on the GFES, and the size of the SME group.

The NRC agreed to review the project plan and meet with the industry to discuss NRC comments and concerns.

In closing, it was decided that the next meeting related to the licensing and examination of reactor operators will be held in early 2009 to discuss the K/A Catalog revision plan. No final positions were taken during the meeting.

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Meeting with the Industry focus Group on
New Reactor Operator Licensing
December 3, 2008

Meeting Attendees

Name	Organization
Mike Junge	NRC / HQ
Rick Pelton	NRC / HQ
John Munro	NRC / HQ
Nancy Salgado	NRC / HQ
Fred Guenther	NRC / HQ
Russell Smith	NEI
John Butler	NEI
Satoshi Hanada	MNES
Leonard Kabana	MHI
Thomas Wallace	TVA
Walt Shura	Dominion
Tom Kuhar	Westinghouse
Paul Hippely	Westinghouse
Charles Sawyer	Duke
Michael Marler	STPNOC
Al Koon	SCANA
Ted Amundson	Southern Nuclear
Tim Clouser	Luminant Power
John Brabec	Luminant Power
Julia Longfellow	General Electric
Mike Llewellyn	INPO
Joseph Debor	
Phil Polefrone	UNISTAR
Bill Chausse	Entergy

ENCLOSURE 1

AGENDA FOR THE CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE
INDUSTRY FOCUS GROUP ON NEW REACTOR OPERATOR LICENSING ISSUES

December 3, 2008; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)
3 Main Conference Room
1776 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006-3708

TOPIC

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Introductions and Opening Remarks

NRC/Focus Group

Public Input

Public

Knowledge and Abilities Catalog Revision Plan

Focus Group

Public Questions and Answers

Public

Summary / Conclusion / Action Item Review

NRC/ Focus Group

Memo to Michael Junge from Richard Pelton dated

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