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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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September 18, 2019

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Bruce A. Watson, CHP, Chief  
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**FROM:** Zahira L. Cruz Perez, Project Manager  
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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:** AUGUST 8, 2019 NEIMA WEBINAR

**SUBJECT:** SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 8, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING  
(WEBINAR) REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND  
OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

**Background**

On August 8, 2019, a Category 3 public meeting webinar was held between U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, members of the public and interested stakeholders. 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.

The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. ML19218A288. A list of attendees is provided in Enclosure 1, the meeting transcript is available in ADAMS Accession No. ML19248C662, and is linked in Enclosure 2.

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## Meeting

On August 8, 2019, the NRC staff held a public meeting webinar 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. ML19218A262 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 on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108. The comments and questions received are summarized in Enclosure 4, and focused primarily on the membership of community panels, the independence of the panel as an advisory body, and the ways in which the panel can establish outreach with the community. To date, no Public Meeting Feedback forms were received. The webinar video can be found in the NEIMA public website: <https://nrc.rev.vbrick.com/#/videos/0752348e-d4b6-4ef6-9edb-6c6f00deb756>

Please direct any inquiries to me at 301-415-3808 or by e-mail at [Zahira.cruz@nrc.gov](mailto:Zahira.cruz@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zahira L. Cruz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Zahira" being the most prominent part.

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Enclosures:

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

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 8, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING (WEBINAR)  
REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY  
ADVISORY BOARDS.**DATE: September 18, 2019**

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

AUGUST 8, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING WEBINAR REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND  
OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Bruce Watson, NMSS/DUWP  
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Kim Conway, NMSS/DUWP  
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Meeting Attendees

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Anderson	Stephanie	Calabrese	Madelyn
Anderson	Paul	Callahan	Michael
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Bednar	Robert	Chou	Linda
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**Enclosure 2**

**August 8, 2019 NEIMA Section 108  
Public Meeting Webinar Transcript**

**[ML19248C662](#)**

**Enclosure 3**

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

**[ML19235A189](#)**

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM THE  
AUGUST 8, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING WEBINAR REGARDING  
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

During the public comment portion of the NEIMA Section 108 public meeting webinar, 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?
- What jurisdiction should a CAB represent? Local community, State community?
- What are the criteria for being a member of a CAB? Who establishes the criteria?
- Who sponsors a CAB? State? Licensee? NRC?
- Can decommissioning funds be used to establish and support a CAB?
- Would the CAB be informed of any abnormal events at the sites? Would the CABs have access to the site's records?
- The CAB should be independently funded and should be composed of experts (scientists, financial auditors, etc...).
- Effectiveness of the CABs will depend on the background and knowledge of its members.
- What power or authority do the CABs have? How are the CABs included in the decommissioning process?
- How frequently should the CABs meet (e.g., monthly)?
  - Does the NRC participate in the CAB meetings?
- Does the CAB report to the licensee or the NRC?
- Is the NRC required to act on any or all CAB recommendations?
- What is Congress going to do with the report? Enact new regulations on CABs?
- CABs should not merely exist to promote dialogue or to educate the public, but to serve as an advisory board.
- Is NRC seeking comments from the U.S. Department of Energy or other federal regulatory bodies?
- CABs should not have industry representatives on the board.
- Other comments related to the nuclear power plant decommissioning process: environmental analysis, spent fuel storage, decommissioning trust fund, Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report, and confirmatory surveys.