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Signed by Uribe, Juan  
on 11/09/21

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 27, 2021, PUBLIC MEETING TO  
DISCUSS THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S  
DEVELOPMENT OF A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE  
POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL DEPLOYMENT OF FUSION ENERGY  
SYSTEMS

On October 27, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a comment-gathering meeting public meeting with stakeholders, to discuss the NRC's development of a regulatory framework for the possible commercial deployment of fusion energy systems. The meeting notice is available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at Accession No. ML21286A786, and the presentation slides are available at ADAMS Accession No. ML21299A313. A total of six presentations were shared at the meeting. The enclosure to this summary provides the attendees for the meeting as captured by Microsoft Teams.

#### Meeting Highlights

- The NRC staff informed presenters and attendees that the meeting was being recorded. The purpose of the recording was to take advantage of the virtual environment tools available and have the recording available in our fusion public website for future use. The NRC's fusion public website can be accessed by going to:  
<https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/advanced/fusion-energy.html>
- The first three presentations focused on the fusion industry providing a status update of recent activities related to ongoing projects, and notable updates in the areas of construction, high-temperature superconducting magnet technology, and construction/fabrication code development.

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- The Fusion Industry Association provided insights and feedback into decision-making criteria that would serve as the basis for a scalable, or graded approach.
- The two final presentations focused on the NRC staff providing examples of the scalability of 10 CFR Part 30, and also a brief overview and summary of the proposed 10 CFR Part 53 rulemaking.
- As part of the NRC staff discussions, the NRC staff reaffirmed and emphasized to stakeholders that while there are three options currently being considered by the NRC staff for the regulatory and licensing of commercial fusion systems, no decision has been made yet on a proposed regulatory framework for fusion. The NRC staff is even considering the option of providing a SECY paper to the Commission without a recommendation.
- As part of the NRC discussions to ensure openness and transparency, the NRC staff shared insights into the NRC's internal thought-process and estimated timeline for development of a SECY paper to the Commission. The NRC staff stated that the development of the paper is being done in parallel, but on a separate schedule from the development of the draft proposed 10 CFR Part 53.
- The NRC staff further clarified that a separate schedule means that if the NRC staff pursues rulemaking to address fusion facilities, the schedule could extend beyond 2024, but would be completed before 2027 to comply with the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act.
- The meeting was well attended with over 150 participants. Questions and comments from stakeholders included the following:
  - An appreciation of the importance of having a technically sound regulatory framework for fusion systems.
  - An understanding of the development of a construction code and standards that adequately cover the design, manufacturing or construction of fusion energy devices that are currently being considered for future constructions.
  - An understanding of the advantages and challenges regarding the categorization criteria for fusion facilities
- There were no significant or major actions for NRC staff as a result of the meeting.

Enclosure:  
Attendance List

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**October 27, 2021, Public Meeting to Discuss the NRC's  
Development of a Regulatory Framework for the Possible Commercial Deployment of  
Fusion Energy Systems**

Attendance List\*

**NAME**

Uribe, Juan  
Fowler, William F.  
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Arndt, Steven  
Heather Kleb (Guest)  
Palmrose, Donald  
Jane Hotchkiss  
Bergman, Jana  
Stephens, Mike N  
Tracy Rychlyk (Guest)  
Cappello (Guest)  
Swanson, Charles (PPPL) (Guest)  
Jennings, Robert  
White, Duncan  
Tim Peckinpaugh (Guest)  
Kamtorn Saidarasamoot  
Harris, Robert C.  
Brian (Guest)  
Tyler Ellis  
Sally FORBES (UKAEA) (Guest)  
Floyd DesChamps (Guest)  
Merrifield, Jeffrey S.  
Elmar Moelzer (Guest)  
Staudenmeier, Joseph  
Lynch, Steven  
Saenz, Diego S - DHS  
Rahimi, Meraj  
Grierson, Brian (Guest)  
Poehler, Jeffrey  
Niko McMurray (ClearPath) (Guest)  
Andrew (Guest)  
Tsao, John  
Roger Fenner  
RD Edelman (TAE) (Guest)  
Dittman, Bernard  
Widmayer, Derek  
Bob (Guest)

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Manoly, Kamal  
Hsu, Scott C  
Clark, Daniel  
Shanmugasundaram, Aravind  
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Segala, John  
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Dial-in  
Reckley, William  
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Clausen, Scott  
Spencer (Guest)  
Erwin, Kenneth  
Corinne Mitchell (Guest)  
Akhavannik, Huda  
Nakanishi, Tony  
RD Edelman (Guest)  
Edwin Lyman  
Reed, Wendy  
Gendelman, Adam  
SEELY, Stephanie  
White, Duane  
Keefe, Maxine  
Carlson, Jesse  
Jennifer Ganten  
Huning, Alex  
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Chowdhury, Prosanta  
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Phillip Peterson (Colorado) (Guest)  
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**NAME**

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