

April 4, 2000

ORGANIZATION: Nuclear Energy Institute

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY
INSTITUTE (NEI) REGARDING POWER REACTOR
DECOMMISSIONING ISSUES

On March 8, 2000, the NRC staff met with representatives of the NEI and the nuclear industry to discuss power reactor decommissioning issues. The meeting agenda is provided in Enclosure 1. A list of attendees is provided in Enclosure 2. Handouts used at the meeting are contained in Enclosure 3.

NEI began the discussion by stating that the NRC decommissioning reactor spent fuel pool risk study was a robust effort and that initial reviews by NEI and industry experts had not found any significant inadequacies. NEI stated that the application of the risk study to the reactor decommissioning regulations was an important next step. The NRC staff agreed and noted that based on the risk study, the NRC will propose a detailed rulemaking plan by June 30, 2000, which will specify the intended changes to regulations.

Next, NEI stated it was preparing a white paper for submittal to the NRC by April 15, 2000, which would make recommendations as to how the NRC should proceed with its regulatory improvement initiative. NEI stated that the relocation of NRC decommissioning regulations to a separate section of the *Code of Federal Regulations* should be the approach taken by the NRC. Later the NEI representative clarified that this recommendation was not intended to redirect any of the ongoing effort on the integrated rulemaking to address emergency preparedness, insurance, safeguards, operator staffing and training, and backfit rule.

The NRC then presented the status of ongoing efforts to publish draft guidance for licensee submittal and NRC review of power reactor decommissioning cost estimates. The regulatory guide will allow submittal of aggregated cost information rather than extensive documentation of the details of the estimate. The guidance will indicate that decommissioning costs should be reported separately from non-decommissioning costs. The staff estimated that the draft guide would be published in September 2000.

NRC concluded the meeting with a discussion of its plans to update the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) on reactor decommissioning. Scoping meetings will be held in Chicago, Boston, Atlanta, and San Francisco. NRC requested and NEI agreed to assist the NRC with this effort by collecting necessary industry data. NEI welcomed the opportunity to meet with the NRC contractor assisting with this effort to help in the initial phases of the data collection process. NEI requested that the issue of partial site release be included in the GEIS update process.

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MARCH 8, 2000

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