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8:30 a..m. - 12:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

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Meeting with the Industry
on Monitoring Licensee Performance
During New Reactor Construction

8:30 am	Welcome and opening comments	- Glenn Tracy, Director, Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Programs, NRO
8:45 am	Review of historic issues during new reactor construction (Presentation of issues identified in NUREG-1055, Improving Quality and the Assurance of Quality in the Design and Construction of Nuclear Power Plants)	
9:30 am	Discussion/ activities to explore the needs and requirements for and methods of periodically evaluating the overall performance of a licensee during the construction of a new nuclear power plant.	

Topics for consideration include:

- Should ROP assessment attributes (MC 0305), or something similar be incorporated into licensee performance evaluation for new construction? For example:
  - Should there be a regular schedule of reviews? If so, how often? (quarterly, semi-annual (mid-cycle), and annual (end-of-cycle) reviews?
  - Should NRC reviews be on a calendar year or annually starting from when construction starts? (the latter would have these assessments and meetings occurring throughout the year vs all at one time)
  - Should there be a Construction Action Matrix?
  - Should the cross-cutting issues concept be used in new construction (across construction functional areas vs cornerstones for instance)?

- Should the construction assessment process at some point meet up with the operating reactor assessment process (perhaps at the annual ROP end-of-cycle) so that overall performance of a licensee who has both an operating facility and construction facility at the same site can be assessed in total?

- What kinds of NRC actions should require routine public notifications? How would the NRC inform the public and the licensee of decisions to change the level of inspection (either up or down) based on performance?

10:30am	Break (15 minutes)
10:45 am	Continuation of discussion
Noon	Wrap up

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