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Please direct any inquires concerning this audit to me at 301-415-0224 or [tak@nrc.gov](mailto:tak@nrc.gov).

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**Agenda for ESBWR PRA Audit**

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Topic	Duration	Lead
1. Welcome and Introduction	(20 min)	NRC
2. Status and Schedule for RAI Responses and Submittals a. Level 1 internal and External Events b. Shutdown Assessment	(2 hr)	GEH
3. Level 1 Technical Issues a. PRA Technical Adequacy b. Common Cause Failure Modeling c. Treatment of T-H Uncertainties associated with passive systems and Success Criteria d. Uncertainty, sensitivity and importance analysis e. Fire Modeling	(4 hr)	GEH
4. Shutdown Technical Issues	(2 hr)	NRC
5. RTNSS	(2 hr)	NRC
6. Wrap-up/Discussion	(1 hr)	All



Enclosure 3

**ESBWR Probabilistic Risk Assessment**

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Enclosure 4

**Treatment of Thermal-Hydraulic  
Uncertainties Associated with Passive  
Systems**

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Enclosure 5

**ESBWR Sensitivity Analyses**

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