

June 4, 2008

Mr. Jim Warren  
North Carolina Waste Awareness and Reduction Network (NC WARN)  
P.O. Box 61051  
Durham, NC 27715-1051

Dear Mr. Warren:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you have agreed to participate in a Commission meeting on fire protection issues related to nuclear power plants on Thursday, July 17, 2008. The meeting will be held in the Commission's Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland and will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Commission is interested in hearing your views on fire protection issues at nuclear power plants generally and, more specifically, on the pilot programs being conducted at the Shearon Harris and Oconee plants to implement the NFPA-805 standard. I am enclosing a copy of the draft meeting agenda for your information (enclosure 1). At this time not all speakers have been confirmed.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please send a copy of any written material to Mr. Richard Laufer in the Office of the Secretary, by July 10, 2008, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for viewgraphs, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). If you intend to use viewgraphs, please notify Mr. Laufer as soon as possible. Paper or electronic presentation formats, such as PowerPoint, are acceptable. You may also fax material to (301) 415-1672. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Laufer at 301-415-1661.

This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov). If you use PowerPoint or other electronic presentation format, we would appreciate receiving your materials in electronic form so your viewgraphs can be posted on the NRC website prior to the meeting. Please e-mail them to [richard.laufer@nrc.gov](mailto:richard.laufer@nrc.gov) and [sandy.joosten@nrc.gov](mailto:sandy.joosten@nrc.gov).

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 10 minutes or less, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention.

The NRC Headquarters office is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. The trip from Metro Center takes about 45 minutes. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Mr. Laufer in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort. Please note that visitors will be screened

through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

***/RA by Andrew L. Bates Acting For/***

Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance

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**SCHEDULING NOTE**

**Title: BRIEFING ON FIRE PROTECTION ISSUES (Public Meeting)**

**Scheduled: Thursday, July 17, 2008  
1:00 pm**

**Duration: Approx. 3 hours**

**Location: Commissioners' Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> fl OWFN**

**Participants: Presentation**

**Industry Stakeholders (proposed)**

**Rich Muench**, President and CNO, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Company and Chairman of the NEI Fire Protection Working Group 10 mins.\*

Topics:

- Implementation of 10CFR50.48c [NFPA-805]
- Industry method/actions to address fire-induced circuit failures (multiple spurious actuations)
- Ensuring adequate fire barrier performance [Hemyc]
- Ensuring appropriate use of manual actions

**Joe Donahue**, Vice President Nuclear Engineering & Services, Progress Energy 5 mins.\*

Topic:

- Shearon Harris Transition to NFPA-805 – Lessons Learned

**Ron Jones**, Vice President, Duke Energy 5 mins.\*

Topic:

- Oconee Transition to NFPA-805 – Lessons Learned

**Speaker on Fire PRA Modeling (TBD)** 10 mins.\*

**Commission Q & A** 30 mins.

**Public Stakeholders**

**Jim Warren**, Executive Director, NCWARN 10 mins.\*

Topics:

- Public stakeholder perspectives on fire protection issues

**Commission Q & A** 20 mins.

**BREAK** 5 mins.

**NRC Staff** 40 mins.\*

**R. W. Borchardt**, EDO [or DEDO]

**Eric Leeds**, Director, NRR

**Mark Cunningham**, Director, Division of Risk Assessment, NRR

Others, tbd

Topics:

- Implementation of 10CFR50.48c [NFPA-805]
- Ensuring protection from fire-induced multiple spurious equipment operations
- Ensuring adequate fire barrier performance [Hemyc]
- Ensuring appropriate use of manual actions

**Commission Q & A** 40 mins.

\*For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's

Documents:

Background due to SECY: July 3, 2008

Slides due to SECY: July 10, 2008