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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JUNE 18, 2014, PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE
NEI OPERATOR LICENSING FOCUS GROUP FOR NEW
REACTORS

On June 18, 2014, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a category 2 public meeting with the NEI Operator Licensing Focus Group on New Reactor Operator Licensing at the NRC Technical Training Center in Chattanooga, TN. This meeting is held on a quarterly basis to discuss scheduling and the ongoing issues and challenges to administering licensed operator examinations. Enclosure 1 lists the attendees at the meeting. Enclosure 2 is the meeting agenda.

The NRC staff discussed with the NEI Focus group the future examination schedule and potential issues to completing the AP-1000 exams. Vogtle and Summer personnel discussed actions they are taking to have the plant reference simulator available when needed to support the exam schedule. The NRC staff reiterated that scheduling for operator examinations is done well in advance and affects not only new reactors but the examination schedule for the operating plants as well. The industry is continuously evaluating the examination schedule and will inform the NRC as far in advance as possible of any potential schedule adjustments. Several possible schedules for conducting the license operator candidate examinations were discussed and it was decided that some internal NRC discussion and further development was warranted and then the topic will be revisited in future meetings.

Vogtle and Summer planned to request a sample plan for the May 2015 examination on June 20, 2014, however; they are working on a joint procedure for exam security and will request the sample plan approximately four weeks later.

Methods for performing the required in plant Job Performance Measures (JPMs) were discussed, including 3D models and labs, since a significant portion of plant equipment may not

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yet be installed when the first exams are given. The AP-1000 COL holders will track and update the systems/components expected to be available for performance of in-plant JPMs for the first scheduled exam date (May 2015) based on construction progress at upcoming NRC/NEI public meeting in approximately six months. The concern is that there may not be enough systems available so that non-predictability for the exam is maintained. The NRC staff is currently evaluating options for conducting the required three in plant JPMs. It was also reiterated by the NRC staff and acknowledged by the industry that the in-plant JPMs are part of the operational test and are required to complete the examination and will not be waived for more than one year after the commencement of the license candidate's exam.

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Action items for both the industry and the NRC were assigned and will be reviewed at the next meeting. Tentative agenda items for the next meeting were also listed.

Questions and comments raised by meeting participants will be evaluated by the NRC staff.

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 June 18, 2014

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AGENDA FOR THE CATEGORY 2 PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE
NEI LICENSED OPERATOR FOCUS GROUP FOR NEW REACTORS

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

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

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• NUREG 1021 revision status update	NRC
• Update from monthly APOG meetings	APOG
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