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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 26, 2009, MEETING SUMMARY WITH NUCLEAR  
ENERGY INSTITUTE ON ITS WHITE PAPER REGARDING  
PROPOSED REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR LICENSING SPENT  
FUEL REPROCESSING FACILITIES

On February 26, 2009, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a category 2 public meeting at Legacy Hotel and Conference Centre located in Rockville, Maryland, with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to discuss NEI's white paper, "Regulatory Framework for Recycling Nuclear Fuel," dated December 19, 2008. The NRC staff included those from Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR), Office of General Counsel (OGC), Office of Regulatory Research (RES), and Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME).

During the meeting, members of the NEI Closing the Fuel Cycle Task Force provided an overview of its proposed regulatory framework for licensing a reprocessing facility, and the staff asked NEI Task Force representatives to clarify certain features and criteria as contained in its proposed framework. Additional discussions between the staff, NEI Task Force representatives, and other stakeholders will be considered during the proposed regulatory framework development process in order to better define the scope of potential regulatory changes and their associated implications.

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