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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE NUCLEAR
ENERGY INSTITUTE REGARDING ACCESS AUTHORIZATION
AND FITNESS FOR DUTY PROGRAMS, JULY 2011

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The staff presented information on current and long-term plans to improve NRC's regulatory oversight and industry implementation of subject regulated activities. Enclosure 1 is the slides presented at the conference covering four major areas: proposed rulemaking to incorporate certain drug testing provisions from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (HHS Guidelines) and other technical issues; status of various FFD-related regulatory issues (e.g., issuance of regulatory guidance for FFD programs at reactor construction sites, behavioral observation program assessment information, performance indicators, frequently asked questions, electronic reporting of FFD performance data, and a summary from the May 3, 2011, Drug Testing Advisory Board, an advisory panel to HHS. Enclosure 2 is a set of tables presented to the commercial power reactor representatives in attendance detailing the specific rulemaking topics discussed in Enclosure 1, slides 2 – 9. Enclosure 3 is a summary of NRC's FFD points of contact and rulemaking information. Enclosure 4 is a summary of NRC's AA presentation on regulatory issues for nuclear power reactors.

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