

Session 14: NRC Regulatory Initiatives

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Abstract:

The session is intended to discuss the NRC initiative to propose changes to EP regulations and associated draft onsite guidance documents. The session will also include a broad discussion of potential guidance changes involving protective action recommendations for severe accidents, based on recent studies of alternate protective actions and anticipated public response.

Biographical Sketch of William M. Dean:

Bill Dean serves as the Deputy Director of NRC's Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR). Before his appointment as the Deputy Director of NSIR, Mr. Dean served as the Assistant for Operations in the Office of the Executive Director for Operations (OEDO) and Deputy Director of the Division of Engineering and Deputy Director of the Division of Inspection Program Management in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). Since joining the NRC in 1985, as an Operator Licensing Examiner in Region II, he has held many positions of increasing greater responsibility. These include both staff and management positions in NRR and the OEDO. Before joining the NRC, he served on active duty in the United States Navy as a nuclear-qualified surface warfare officer for 8 years. He received a B.A. in Applied Physics and Information Sciences from the University of California, San Diego, and a M.B.A. from National University.

Biographical Sketch of Robert E. Kahler:

Robert E. Kahler has over 29 years of extensive experience in nuclear power encompassing the areas of emergency preparedness, PWR reactor operations, and licensed operator training. Currently, Mr. Kahler is the Branch Chief of the Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Improvements and Outreach Branch and is responsible for maintaining oversight of the emergency preparedness rulemaking effort, hostile action based drill initiative and communications program. As such, Mr. Kahler is extremely well-versed in the NRC's emergency preparedness program requirements and inspection activities for commercial nuclear power plants. Prior to joining the NRC, Mr. Kahler worked at the Beaver Valley Power Station as Manager, Emergency Preparedness, and was a licensed Senior Reactor Operator at both units. He began his nuclear career as a Reactor Operator at the Shippingport Atomic Power Station, the nation's first commercial nuclear power plant. Mr. Kahler holds a BS degree in Secondary Education, Mathematics from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a BS degree in Human Resources from Geneva College, and a Masters in Business Administration from Point Park University.

Biographical Sketch of Randolph L. Sullivan:

Randolph L. Sullivan is a board certified health physicist with 30 years of experience in emergency preparedness. Mr. Sullivan has managed EP projects at nuclear power plants, the US Department of Energy and the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He managed a nuclear plant EP program for 10 years and owned his own consultancy. He was the principal contributor to the NRC oversight process for EP at nuclear plants. He was Director of the Protective Measures Team in the US NRC emergency response organization. His current foci are study of NRC protective action recommendation guidance and modeling emergency response to more accurately estimate consequences from severe accidents.