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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Bruce A. Watson, CHP, Chief  
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
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**ACTIVITY:** Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA)  
Section 108 Public Meetings to Collect Feedback on  
Establishment and Operation of Community Advisory Boards

**FACILITY:** San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) NEIMA Meeting

**SUBJECT:** SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 29, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING  
NEAR THE SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION  
REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

**Background**

On August 29, 2019, a Category 3 public meeting was held between U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, members of the public and interested stakeholders at the City of San Juan Capistrano Community Center, 25925 Camino del Avion, San Juan Capistrano, California. The purpose of the meeting was to assist the NRC staff in identifying best practices and lessons learned for establishment and operation of local community advisory boards (CABs) associated with power reactor decommissioning activities.

These actions are being taken in response to Section 108 of NEIMA, which was signed into law on January 14, 2019, and requires the NRC to provide a report to Congress no later than July 14, 2020, identifying best practices for establishing and operating local community advisory boards to foster communication and information exchange between a decommissioning licensee and the local community, including lessons learned from such organizations.

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The meeting notice can be found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] under Accession No. [ML19239A235](#). A list of attendees is provided in Enclosure 1 (note that the names of some participants were not captured), the meeting transcript is available in ADAMS at Accession No. [ML19263A659](#), and is linked in Enclosure 2.

### Meeting

On August 29, 2019, the NRC staff held a public meeting to discuss the agency's activities in accordance with Section 108 of NEIMA to collect information on the use of local community advisory boards during decommissioning activities and issue a best practices report. The contents of this report will include a description of the type of topics that could be brought before a community advisory board; how the board's input could inform the decision-making process of stakeholders for various decommissioning activities; how the board could interact with the NRC and other Federal regulatory bodies to promote dialogue between the licensee and affected stakeholders; and how the board could offer opportunities for public engagement throughout all phases of the decommissioning process. The report will also include a discussion of the composition of existing community advisory boards and best practices identified during the establishment and operation of such boards, including logistical considerations, frequency of meetings, and the selection of board members.

Representatives from the NRC staff gave a presentation on the requirements of NEIMA Section 108, and presented the various methods to provide feedback on best practices and lessons learned from community advisory boards. This presentation can be found in ADAMS at Accession No. [ML19235A189](#), and is linked in Enclosure 3. Additional information on NEIMA Section 108, as well as an electronic means of providing comments, are available at the NRC public website at: <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-section-108.html>.

At the end of the presentation, the NRC staff received feedback from members of the public and other stakeholders on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108. The comments and questions received are summarized in Enclosure 4, and focused primarily on the membership of community panels, the independence of the panel as an advisory body, and the ways in which the panel can establish and maintain outreach with the community. To date, no Public Meeting Feedback forms were received.

Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362  
License No. NPF-45 and NPF-15

### Enclosures:

1. List of Attendees
2. Public Meeting Transcript
3. NRC Presentation Slides
4. Summary of Public Comments

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

AUGUST 29, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR

THE SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION REGARDING

THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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Sheldon Clark, OGC  
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Victor Dricks, RIV/OPA  
Brett Klukan, Facilitator  
Donna Janda, Facilitator

Meeting Attendees\*

Gene Stone  
George Allen  
Harold Breen  
Ray Lutz  
Dan Stetson  
Madge Torren  
Bert Muldow  
Angela Howe  
Jeff Steinmetz  
Jim Wade  
Judy Jones  
Kevin Higgins  
Miki Bay  
Paul Anderson  
Mary Wollen  
Marni Madgda

Bruce Montgomery  
David Victor  
Steve Dahms  
Bruce Meagher  
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Ted Quinn

\*note that name spelling is approximate

**Enclosure 2**

**SONGS NEIMA Section 108  
Public Meeting Transcript**

**[ML19263A659](#)**

**Enclosure 3**

**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Presentation Slides**

**[ML19235A189](#)**

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM THE  
AUGUST 29, 2019, PUBLIC MEETING NEAR  
THE SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION REGARDING  
THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

During the public comment portion of the SONGS NEIMA Section 108 public meeting, the NRC staff received feedback from members of the public and other stakeholders on the various topics outlined in NEIMA Section 108 regarding best practices and lessons learned for community advisory boards. Comments and feedback were received on the following topics:

- How can a Community Advisory Board (CAB) be established or formed?
- What jurisdiction should a CAB represent? Local community, State community?
- What are the criteria for being a member of a CAB? Who establishes the criteria?
- Is the NRC required to act on any or all CAB recommendations?
- The level of engagement with the community represented by the current SONGS Community Engagement Panel (CEP) and those who attend their meetings.
- Diversity and level of knowledge of the CEP members; effectiveness of the CABs will depend on the background and knowledge of its members.
- The independence of the panel from the licensee and other related parties.
- The CEP, Southern California Edison, and NRC communications could be improved.
- Better methods for outreach and training for members of community advisory boards.
- CABs should not merely exist to promote dialogue or to educate the public, but to serve as an advisory board.