Dear Colleagues:

Re: Announcement for the 2018 North American ISOE ALARA Symposium, RPM Meeting & PEP Training Course at Westin Beach Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA, Rev 1 -- New Thursday, January 11, 2018 US RPM & Training Managers' Implementation Workshop for Efficiency Bulletin 17-01, Portable RP Technician Qualification Program

January 2018 ISOE ALARA Symposium-

The Technical Program Committee is pleased to announce the 2018 North American ISOE ALARA Symposium, to be held on **Monday** – **Wednesday**, January 8-10, 2018 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida at the Westin Ft. Lauderdale Beach Resort, 321

N. Ft. Lauderdale Beach Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304 USA. As in January 2017, the objective of the ALARA Symposium in 2018 is to have technical papers from RPMs/RP staff discussing their good practices and lessons learned from the spring and fall 2017 refueling and maintenance outages.

Over 185 people attended the January 2017 International ISOE ALARA Symposium from 13 countries to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the ISOE Program. The feedback from the participants was to continue to emphasize RPM ALARA OE papers to share important information on successful refueling outage work management and identification of radiological lessons learned. 2017 symposium evaluations voiced strong support to continue the ALARA OE format and content for 2018 ISOE ALARA symposium presentations.

The 2018 North American ISOE ALARA Symposium will continue to provide a global forum to promote the exchange of ideas and management approaches to maintaining occupational radiation exposures As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA). The purpose of the 2018 North American ISOE ALARA Symposium will focus on refueling and maintenance radiological work management, plant aging and refurbishment challenges, major BWR and PWR source term reduction initiatives, results of CZT 3D isotopic mapping, and decommissioning planning activities.

The 2018 North American ISOE symposium is sponsored by the North American Technical Center (NATC), Information System on Occupational Exposures (ISOE) and supported by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA- Vienna) and the OECD/Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA-Paris). NATC is one of four ISOE Technical Centers that include Paris, Vienna, and Tokyo.

Call For Papers

Technical paper topics are open to all radiation protection professional. Prospective authors are requested to submit a brief abstract. Accepted papers will be published and distributed at the 2018 symposium.

*Only Utility and Regulatory authors or co-authors will be considered by the Technical Program Committee for the ISOE Distinguished Paper Award for the 2018 ISOE ALARA Symposium.

Other Meetings (to be held at the same venue)

On Thursday, January 11, 2018, from 8 am to 5 pm, The Implementation Workshop for Efficiency Bulletin 17-01, Portable RP Technician Qualification Program for US RPMs and Training Managers or their designees has been scheduled at the Westin Ft. Lauderdale Beach Resort. Willie Harris, CHP, Exelon Fleet RPM is coordinating this meeting at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort during the week of the ISOE ALARA Symposium and Region III RPM meeting to save travel costs for participating utility personnel. More details will be forthcoming from Mr. Harris (contact information, email: Willie.harris@exeloncorp.com). Please register for the Implementation Workshop on the ISOE Symposium and Westin Hotel link provided on the ISOE website at http://www.isoe-network.net or email Amy Moeller at almoeller88@gmail.com

On **Friday**, January 12, 2018, from 8 am to 3 pm, the Region III RPM Meeting will be held to discuss RP operational topics. The ISOE Global Regulator Meeting is also being planned. The PEP continuing education course has been shifted back to the traditional schedule on Sunday, January 7, 2018, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort.

On Sunday, January 7, 2018, from 9 am to 4 pm, 2018 PEP RP Continuing Education Courses (prior to the ALARA Symposium). The 2018 PEP courses are planned to include the following topics (requested on 2017 symposium feedback forms): Chemical Engineering Principles in Colloid Behavior in Nuclear Power Plants, Chemical Engineering Analysis of Caking Technology for primary coolant filtration system, Dose reduction Initiatives in Dry Cask Campaign, Radiological Management Considerations for outage scope including PWR Baffle Bolt Replacement, Reactor Head Peening, EDM Debris Mitigation strategies and BWR fuel cleaning and cavity vacuuming results (invited presentations). The final PEP program will be issued by November 15, 2017. The PEP courses will have a minor cost of \$75 per person to cover administrative expenses for the PEP Course.

Please feel free to provide any suggestions to the Program Committee via Amy Moeller, NATC Executive Administrator on the Symposium or PEP topics. The Technical Program Committee is looking forward to seeing you at the 2018 North American ISOE ALARA Symposium. The symposium will finally be at a beachfront hotel on the Fort Lauderdale main boulevard near many restaurants and beach activities. The Westin Hotel has an elevated pedestrian walkway to the beach for your safety. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Amy Moeller (almoeller88@gmail.com) or me (dwmiller2@aep.com) or 1 217 855 3238.

Sincerely yours,

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