

materials licensing and inspection personnel, the Working Group will be performing the following tasks:

1. To evaluate the proposed training courses and training subject areas for the Agreement State staff that are necessary to assure equivalency with NRC requirements and forward a recommendation to the OAS and the NRC.

2. To evaluate the NRC policy for passing/failing courses and determine an acceptable policy and methods to implement a policy for the Agreement States.

3. To identify acceptable alternative training options, including the evaluation of technology and training methods that could be used to lower the cost of NRC training courses.

Working Group Organization and Operations

Initially the following personnel will be on the working group.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dennis Sollenberger, Office of State Programs

Catherine Haney, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
John Ricci, Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data

Organization of Agreement States

Kathy Allen, Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety

Marilyn Kelso, Texas Department of Health

William Sinclair, Utah Department of Environmental Quality

The working group selected Dennis M. Sollenberger and Kathy Allen to be co-chairs for the working group.

Working Group Meetings

Working Group meetings will be announced in advance through the NRC Public Meeting Announcement System. Maximum use will be made of other appropriate media for facilitating interaction with the Working Group, e.g., conference calls, facsimiles, and electronic mail. Working Group meetings will be open to the public and will be held in the Washington, DC area, or other locations as agreed upon by the Working Group members. Persons attending Working Group meetings will be welcome to provide comments to the Working Group for its consideration in either written form or orally at times specified by the Working Group co-chairs.

A telephonic organizational meeting of the Working Group was held on Tuesday, July 23, 1996. All future meetings will also be announced through the NRC Public Meeting

Announcement System. The Working group expects to meet at approximately monthly intervals. Information on future meetings will be available to the public:

- By telephone recording on toll-free NRC Public Meeting Announcement System, 1-800-952-9674;

- By electronic bulletin board on the toll-free NRC bulletin board, 1-800-952-9676;

- By posting in the NRC Public Document Room at the Gelman Building, 2120 L St., N.W. (Lower Level), Washington, D.C. 20037 and Local Public Document Rooms; and
- By internet on the toll-free NRC at FedWorld, 1-800-303-9672, access through the GATEWAY option.

Meeting minutes and draft and final documents produced by the Working Group will be publicly available from the NRC Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L St., N.W. (Lower Level), Washington, D.C. 20037.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 12th day of August, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Richard L. Bangart,

Director, Office of State Programs.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of August 19, 26, September 2, and 9, 1996.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of August 19

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 19.

Week of August 26—Tentative

Monday, August 26

2:00 p.m.

Meeting with Chairman of Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee (NSRRC) (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Jose Cortez, 301-415-6596)

Tuesday, August 27

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Design Certification Issues (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Jerry Wilson, 301-415-3145)

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Annealing Demonstration Project (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Michael Mayfield, 301-415-6690)

Wednesday, August 28

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on Certification of USEC (Public Meeting)

(Contact: John Hickey, 301-415-7192)

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of September 2—Tentative

Thursday, September 5

10:30 a.m.

Briefing by DOE on Status of HLW Program (Public Meeting)

3:00 p.m.

Briefing by Executive Branch (Closed—Ex. 1)

Week of September 9—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 9.

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (Recording)—(301) 415-1292.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: By a vote of 3-0 on July 31, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and 10 CFR 9.104(a)(1) of the Commission's rules that "Briefing by Executive Branch" (Closed—Ex. 1) be held on August 1, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1963).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to alb@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: August 16, 1996.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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Updated Standard Review Plan and Related Documents: Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has prepared an update to the Standard Review Plan for the review of safety analysis reports for light water reactor nuclear power plants (SRP) for review and comment. The updated SRP incorporates changes in

the regulation of the nuclear power industry that have occurred since the last major revision of the SRP in 1981.

The revisions were derived from three programmatic areas: NRC regulatory documents issued after the previous SRP revision; industry consensus codes and standards applicable to the SRP sections; and NRC staff positions related to evolutionary plant design reviews as presented in SECY-90-016, "Evolutionary Light-Water Reactor (LWR) Certification Issues and Their Relationship to Current Regulatory Requirements;" SECY-93-087, "Policy, Technical, and Licensing Issues Pertaining to Evolutionary and Advanced Light-Water Reactor (LWR) Designs;" and the design certification safety evaluation reports for the Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) Design and the ABB-CE System 80+ (CE80+) Design. The updated SRP sections are currently under review by the NRC staff.

DATE: The comment period expires December 31, 1996. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to: Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Mail Stop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments may be hand-delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Maryland between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may be submitted electronically as specified in the supplementary information section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Armando Masciantonio, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Mail Stop 0-12E4, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-1290.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed revised text to NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants—LWR Edition," is the work of contractors. Its acceptance is contingent upon full NRC staff review and concurrence. Further NRC staff review and evaluation, including resolution of public comments, will be needed before a final revision to NUREG-0800 can be published.

A significant number of the proposed revisions to the SRP are based on NRC staff positions developed during the design certification review of evolutionary plants and presented in the

safety evaluation reports for the ABWR, and the CE80+. Final rulemaking for design certification is ongoing and may result in changes to these positions. The revised SRP will reflect the final NRC staff positions that result from design certification rulemaking for the ABWR and the CE80+ designs.

Because the document has not received the benefit of NRC staff review and concurrence, it is considered a "work in progress" that may be revised. The NRC is soliciting public comments in parallel with the NRC staff's review in order to minimize review time and obtain early public and industry input.

The documents available for public review consist of a redline/strikeout copy of the revised SRP sections that shows all changes resulting from the update program with each text revision identified by a unique superscript, and supporting documentation that provides a traceable path back to the regulation or NRC staff position that forms the basis for the change to the SRP. The updated SRP also contains several new sections to address issues that are supported by established NRC staff positions or have been fully addressed in the certification review of evolutionary designs.

The updated SRP is not a generic communication that proposes new NRC staff positions or seeks additional licensee commitments. It does not impose new or revised requirements but simply compiles and documents the requirements and NRC staff positions that have already been established elsewhere.

Work activities related to updating the SRP were performed in accordance with the guidance in NUREG-1447, "Standard Review Plan Update and Development Program—Implementing Procedures Document," dated May 1992. NUREG-1447 documents the results of developing the major work assumptions and work processes for completing the SRP revision process. The document provides information on the background, objectives, and performance of work in the Standard Review Plan Update and Development Program (SRP-UDP).

The Implementing Procedures Document provides comprehensive guidance and procedures for SRP-UDP work activities, including identification and review of regulatory documents for new or changed NRC staff positions; revision of the SRP for future reactor license applications; review and approval of the revised SRP sections; and documentation requirements to ensure that program results are retrievable. The work procedures were also used in the development of a

relational database to catalog and manage information used in revising each SRP section.

NUREG-1447 was also prepared in anticipation of the need to control the work of various organizations involved in the SRP revision process, including the Primary Review Branches (technical branches in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)), contractors to the Primary Review Branches, the NRC Inspection Program Branch, and contractors to the Inspection Program Branch.

Due to the priorities and work schedules within NRR, the large majority of the SRP-UDP work was performed by two contractor organizations (Pacific Northwest National Laboratories under JCN L-2013 and Idaho National Engineering Laboratory under JCN J-2055) with contract administration and technical oversight by the NRC Inspection Program Branch and technical review by the Primary Review Branches. Given the reduced number of actual participants in the development phase of the SRP-UDP, changes and deviations from the procedures in NUREG-1447 were controlled through technical oversight of contractor work activities instead of formal revisions to NUREG-1447.

Based on the above, the procedures in NUREG-1447 should be regarded as providing general guidance and direction for contractors in SRP revision activities, and as providing general information to industry and the public on work processes and assumptions used in the SRP-UDP. Significant departures from NUREG-1447 are:

Completion of the detailed analyses of new or changed regulatory positions and the preparation of a revised SRP section draft were combined into one step, instead of the two step process described in sections 3.7 and 3.8 of NUREG-1447. This change was made on experience with revision work for pilot SRP sections that showed the two step process was not cost effective. As part of this change, "Option Paper" documentation and outlines discussed in sections 3.7 and 3.8 were not developed in the revision of existing SRP sections.

The sample format presented in Appendix A of NUREG-1447 was not used as the template for revising SRP sections. The format and wording of the current SRP sections were preserved to the extent possible. This change allowed the NRC staff review to focus on substantive technical changes and not on editorial changes to existing text. Two changes to the format of the current SRP sections were determined to be cost effective: (1) The review interfaces

presented in the "Areas of Review" subsection of each SRP section were converted to a numbered paragraph format with reference to specific Primary Review Branches and (2) a "Technical Rationale" discussion was added to the "Acceptance Criteria" subsection of each SRP section. "Technical Rationale" discussions are addressed in sections 3.7 and 3.8 of NUREG-1447.

The treatment of NRC staff positions in the safety evaluation reports related to certification of evolutionary designs have been treated as Type I revisions as defined in section 3.7 of NUREG-1447. These positions have been approved and have undergone public review as part of rulemaking.

The new SRP sections developed in the SRP-UDP address NRC staff positions that are fully established and are, therefore, considered Type I revisions to the SRP as defined in section 3.7 of NUREG-1447.

Responsibility for updating each SRP section was maintained in the NRC Inspection Program Branch with technical review and concurrence by the Primary Review Branch.

Some of the activities and specific topics discussed in NUREG-1447, such as 60-year design life acceptance criteria, did not result in generic changes or additions to the SRP. These activities and topics are still under development or did not meet project criteria to be considered established regulatory positions. As these positions are finalized, they will be captured in future SRP revisions. Other activities discussed in NUREG-1447 determined to be of low priority in the current revision cycle, such as incorporation of Branch Technical Positions into the body of associated SRP sections, will be considered for future SRP revisions.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit specific public comment on whether the revised text accurately and fully reflects established NRC staff positions and existing regulations. The updated SRP and the supporting documentation that provides traceability back to the source of the change constitutes the SRP currently in effect. The SRP is made available to the public as part of the NRC's policy to inform the nuclear industry and the general public of regulatory procedures and policies. Standard review plans are not substitutes for regulatory guides or NRC regulations. Compliance with SRPs is not required. Published standard review plans will be revised periodically, as appropriate, to accommodate comments and to reflect new information and experience. The NRC encourages

comment from all interested parties; however, public review is not intended to reopen a dialogue on the merits of the requirements themselves but should be focused on the purpose stated above.

Electronic Submission of Comments

The updated SRP can be downloaded in WordPerfect 5.1 format and comments can be submitted electronically, in either ASCII text or WordPerfect 5.1 format by calling toll free to the NRC Online Electronic Bulletin Board (BBS). The BBS may be accessed using a personal computer, a modem, and one of the commonly available communications software packages, or directly via the Internet.

If using a personal computer and modem, the NRC Online BBS can be accessed directly by dialing the toll-free number: 1-800-303-9672.

Communication parameters should be set as follows: parity to none, data bits to 8, stop bits to 1 and ANSI terminal emulation (N,8,1,ANSI). From the NRC Online Main Menu, select "NRC Conferences" then select "NUREG-0800 April 1996 Revision" option to access the updated SRP. For more information about options available for NRC Online BBS consult the "Help/Information Center" from the "NRC Online Main Menu". Callers will find the "FEDWORLD Online User's Guides" particularly helpful. Many NRC conferences also have a "Help/Information Center" option that is tailored to that particular area.

The NRC Online BBS can also be accessed by a direct dial phone number from the main FEDWORLD BBS: 703-321-3339; Telnet via Internet: fedworld.gov (192.239.92.3); File Transfer Protocol (FTP) via Internet: ftp.fedworld.gov (192.239.92.205); and the World Wide Web using: <http://www.fedworld.gov> (this is the Uniform Resource Locator (URL)).

When accessing FedWorld, the NRC Online BBS can be accessed from the main FEDWORLD menu by selecting the "Regulatory, Government Administration and State Systems", then selecting "Regulatory Information Mall". At that point, a menu will be displayed that has the option "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission" that will take you to the NRC Online BBS. The NRC Online BBS can also be accessed directly by typing "/go nrc" at the FEDWORLD Main Menu command line. If you access the NRC from FEDWORLD's Main Menu, you may return to FEDWORLD by selecting the "Goodbye" option from the NRC Online Main Menu. However, if you access NRC Online BBS by using NRC's toll-

free number, you will have full access to all NRC conferences but you will not have access to the main FEDWORLD system.

If you contact FEDWORLD using Telnet, you will see the NRC Online BBS Menus, including the Rules Menu. You will be able to download documents, upload files (comments) and prepare comments online. If you contact FEDWORLD using FTP, all files can be accessed, but uploads are not allowed; all you will see is a list of files without descriptions. An index file listing all files within a subdirectory, with descriptions, is available.

Although FEDWORLD can be accessed through the World Wide Web, like FTP, that mode provides access for downloading files and does not display the NRC Online BBS Menus. For more information on NRC Bulletin Boards contact Mr. Arthur Davis, Systems Development and Integration Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-5780; email AXD3@nrc.gov.

The updated SRP in printed paper, 3.5-inch disks and CD-ROM versions, and related supporting documents are available for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW (Lower Level), Washington DC 20555.

A limited number of copies of the updated SRP in printed paper and CD-ROM versions are available free, to the extent of supply, upon written request to the Office of Information Resources Management, Distribution Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Please note that the compact disk (CD) version of the updated SRP uses a font and format that is slightly different from the WordPerfect and printed versions. As a result, specific text in the CD version may be located on a different page than the corresponding text in the WordPerfect and printed versions. To prevent any possible misunderstanding, comments which are submitted should reference the SRP section, not the page number.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of August, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
R. W. Borchardt,

Chief, Inspection Program Branch, Division of Inspection and Support Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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