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A copy of the draft NUREG/CR-6412 is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room. Requests for a single copy of the draft NUREG/CR should be made in writing to Mr. Satish K. Aggarwal, Senior Program Manager, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; or by fax at (301) 415-5074. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of December, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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### **Individual Plant Examination Program: Perspectives on Reactor Safety and Plant Performance, Volume 2, Parts 2-5, Draft**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Availability of NUREG, Draft for public comment; Notice of Public workshop meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has published a draft of "Individual Plant Examination Program: Perspectives on Reactor Safety and Plant Performance, Summary Report," NUREG-1560, Volume 2, Parts 2-5. This volume provides an in-depth discussion of the insights and findings (summarized in Volume 1, Part 1, Summary Report) from a review of the Individual Plant Examinations (IPE) submitted to the agency in response to Generic Letter 88-20. In addition, the NRC staff will conduct a public workshop to discuss the contents of the draft NUREG and to solicit comments.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Draft NUREG-1560 (Volume 2, Parts 2-5) is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street N.W. (Lower Level), Washington D.C. 20555-0001. A free single copy of Draft NUREG-1560 (Volume 2, Parts 2-5), to the extent of supply, may be requested by writing to Distribution Series, Printing and Mail Services Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Draft NUREG-1560 provides perspectives gained from the review of the IPEs submitted in response to Generic Letter 88-20. Five major objectives were pursued in documenting perspectives from the reviews:

(1) The impact of the IPE program on reactor safety—

- The number and type of vulnerabilities or other safety issues that have been identified, and the related safety enhancements that have been implemented,

- The impact that the improvements have had on plant safety, and

- Whether any of these improvements have "generic" implications for all or a class of plants.

(2) Plant-specific features and assumptions that play a significant role in the estimation of core damage frequency (CDF) and the analysis of containment performance—

- Important design and operational features that affect CDF and containment performance, with regard to the different reactor and containment types,

- The influence of the IPE methodology and assumptions on the results, with regard to the different reactor and containment types, and

- Significant plant improvements to reduce CDF and increase containment performance, with regard to the different reactor and containment types.

(3) The importance of the operator's role in CDF estimation and containment performance analysis—

- Operator actions that are consistently important in the IPEs,
- Operator actions that are important because of plant-specific characteristics, and

- Influence of modeling assumptions and different methodologies on the results.

(4) IPEs with respect to risk-informed regulation—

- Quality of the IPEs, given the limited scope of the staff's review, compared to a quality probabilistic risk assessment, and therefore, the potential role of the IPEs in risk-informed regulation.

(5) General Perspectives—

- The implication of the IPE results relative to the current risk level of U.S. plants compared with the Commission's Safety Goals,

- The improvements that have been identified as a result of the Station Blackout Rule and analyzed as part of the IPE, and the impact of these improvements on reducing the likelihood of station blackout,

- The results of the IPEs compared with the perspectives gained from NUREG-1150.

Draft NUREG-1560 also documents the staff's preliminary overall conclusions and observations gained from the perspectives of each of the above noted areas. These conclusions and observations address the following:

- Generic Letter 88-20 objective (including improvement of plant safety)
- Regulatory follow-up activities

—Plant safety enhancements

—Containment performance improvements

—Additional review of IPE/PRA

—Plants with relatively high CDF or conditional containment failure probability

- Safety issues

—Unresolved safety issue (USI) A-45

—Other USIs and generic safety issues (GSIs)

—Potential GSIs

- Plant inspection activities

- Areas for research

- Commission's Safety Goals

- Use of NUREG-1560

—Accident management

—Maintenance rule

—Risk-informed regulation

—Miscellaneous issues

- Probabilistic risk analysis (PRA)

Draft NUREG-1560 is comprised of two volumes. Volume 1 (Part 1) provides an overall summary of the key perspectives (published October 1996). Volume 2 (Parts 2 through 5) provides a more in-depth discussion of the perspectives summarized in Part 1.

The staff recognizes that licensees have updated their IPEs/PRA's which may have an impact on the perspectives discussed in the draft NUREG, and therefore, the preliminary conclusions and observations noted by the staff. Accuracy of the reported results in the IPEs and the appropriateness of the interpretation of these results will also have a potential impact on the staff's perspectives, conclusions and observations. Consequently, this NUREG is published as a draft for comment. All interested parties are encouraged to submit comments.

Mail comments on Draft NUREG-1560 (Volumes 1 and 2) by February 14, 1997 to Mary Drouin, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Mail Stop T-10 E50, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**Workshop Meeting Information:** A 3-day workshop will be held to address comments and answer questions. Persons other than NRC staff and NRC contractors interested in making a presentation at the workshop should

notify Mary Drouin, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS T10E50, Washington DC 20555, phone (301) 415-6675, fax (301) 415-5062, e-mail mxd@nrc.gov or Edward Chow, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS T10E50, Washington DC 20555, phone (301) 415-6571, fax (301) 415-5062, e-mail etc@nrc.gov.

*Dates:* April 7, 8, 9, 1997.

*Location:* Austin, Texas.

*Hotel:* Hyatt Regency, 208 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, Texas, 78704. Please make your reservations directly with the Hyatt Regency Hotel, phone (512) 477-1234 (or 1 800 233-1234). Mention that you will be attending the NRC-IPE Workshop to receive the meeting group rate of \$113/night plus tax (single/double). Hotel reservations by March 7, 1997 are required in order to receive the group rate (subject to availability).

*Registration:* The workshop registration fee is \$75 USD (\$100 for late registration); registration fee is payable by check or money orders drawn on US banks payable to Sandia National Laboratories; no credit cards accepted. Mail registration fees to Martha Lucero, Sandia National Laboratories, PO Box 5800, MS 0129, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87185-0129. Please include name, organization, address and phone number with your registration fee. Registration fee includes reception, daily continental breakfast, and one lunch. Pre-registration fee (\$75) is due by February 15, 1997. Late registration fee (\$100) is due at time of workshop/meeting (cash is accepted for late registration payment at workshop). Notification of attendance (e.g., pre-registration) is requested so that adequate space, etc. for the workshop can be arranged. Notification of attendance or questions regarding meeting registration or fees should be directed to Martha Lucero, Sandia National Laboratories, Phone (505) 845-9787, fax (505) 844-1392, e-mail mlucero@sandia.gov

*Agenda:* Preliminary agenda is as follows. A final agenda will be available at workshop.

*Sunday, April 6, 1997*

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm—Registration  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm—Reception

*Monday, April 7, 1997*

7:00 am to 4:00 am  
registration  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
• Opening remarks  
• Introduction (Roadmap for meeting)  
• Conclusions and observations \*\*  
• Reactor and containment design perspectives \*

- Operational perspectives \*\*
- Perspectives on impact of IPE program on reactor safety \*\*
- Perspectives on IPEs with respect to risk-informed regulation \*\*
- Perspectives on IPEs and implication to Commission's Safety Goals \*\*
- Perspectives on IPEs and impact of Station Blackout rule on CDFs \*\*
- IPEs perspectives compared to NUREG-1150 perspectives \*\*
- IPE database demonstration

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

\*\* Each "presentation" is comprised of three discussions:

- (1) Presentation by NRC of overview of perspectives.
- (2) Presentation by NRC of staff's interpretation of comments received and staff's response.
- (3) Brief open time for questions on clarification.

*Tuesday, April 8, 1997*

7:30 am to 4:00 pm  
registration  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Presentations/comments by public  
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
IPE database demonstration

*Wednesday, April 9, 1997*

7:30 am to 4:00 pm  
registration  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Presentations/comments by public  
• Wrap-up discussion by public  
• Wrap-up discussion by NRC

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edward Chow, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, MS T10E50, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555, (301) 415-6571.

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

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia Paige, (202) 606-0830.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on November 1, 1996 (61 FR 56575). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between October 1, 1996, and October 31, 1996, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

#### Schedule A

The following Schedule A authorities were established in October 1996:

##### Department of Defense

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. This authority remains in effect for six months after termination of the Commission. Effective October 1, 1996.

##### Department of Transportation

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. This authority remains in effect for six months after termination of the Commission. Effective October 1, 1996.

##### Federal Emergency Management Agency

One position above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. This authority remains in effect for six months after termination of the Commission. Effective October 1, 1996.

##### Department of Justice

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. This authority remains in effect for six months after termination of the Commission. Effective October 1, 1996.

The following Schedule A authorities were revoked in October 1996:

##### Department of the Army

Not to exceed 30 positions on the faculty and staff which are classified in the GS-1700 occupational group and the GS-1410 Librarian series, located at the U.S. Army Russian Institute, Garmisch, Germany, and the U.S. Army Training Center Europe, Munich Germany. Effective October 8, 1996.

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