

to (1) describe the licensee's planned activities, (2) describe the regulatory process for decommissioning, (3) hear public comments regarding health and safety, and protection of the environment during decommissioning, and (4) provide an opportunity for State and local representatives to participate. The licensee will discuss their plans to decommission the Maine Yankee facility. The NRC will discuss the PSDAR and the license termination process, and describe the program for future plant oversight. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the PSDAR and the meeting will be transcribed by a court reporter. Notice of receipt of and availability for public comment of the Maine Yankee PSDAR was published in the **Federal Register** on September 19, 1997 (62 FR 49261). Prior to the public meeting, comments regarding the Maine Yankee PSDAR may be submitted in writing to Mr. Michael Webb, Mail Stop 11-B-20, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of October 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ronald B. Eaton,

*Acting Director, Project Directorate I-3,
Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of
Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Information to Licensees Regarding NRC Inspection Manual Section on Resolution of Degraded and Nonconforming Conditions; Issue

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter 91-18, Revision 1 to notify all holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors and non-power reactors, including those power reactor licensees who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel, and non-power reactor licensees whose licenses no longer authorize operation, of the issuance of a revised section of Part 9900, "Technical Guidance," of the NRC inspection manual. This generic letter is for information only; no specific action or written response is required. Conformance with the guidance

provided in the generic letter is voluntary.

This generic letter is a "rule" for purposes of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (5 U.S.C., Chapter 8). The staff has received confirmation from the Office of Management and Budget that the generic letter is not a "major rule".

The generic letter is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9710060322.

DATES: The generic letter was issued on October 8, 1997.

ADDRESSEES: Not applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eileen M. McKenna at (301) 415-2189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The revised section of Part 9900 of the NRC inspection manual is entitled "Resolution of Degraded and Nonconforming Conditions." The revisions to this section more explicitly discuss the role of the 10 CFR 50.59 evaluation process in the resolution of degraded and nonconforming conditions. In particular, a change in NRC staff guidance is addressed which states that the need to obtain NRC approval for the final resolution of a degraded or nonconforming condition does not affect the licensee's authority to continue facility operation (or effect a restart from a shutdown condition), provided that necessary equipment is operable and the degraded equipment is not in conflict with any technical specification. Nevertheless, it is noted that the NRC will take enforcement action if it determines that licensee corrective action (which may include the submittal of a license amendment request) is not prompt, or that operability determinations are not sound. Enforcement action may also be taken for the circumstances that led to the existence of the degraded or nonconforming condition.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of October 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jack W. Roe,

Acting Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on November 5, 1996, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and matters the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows: *Tuesday, November 5, 1996—12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m.*

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. It may also discuss the qualifications of candidates for appointment to the ACRS and the status of appointment of new members to the ACRS. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff person named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff person, Dr. John T. Larkins (telephone: 301/415-7360) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised

of any changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: October 8, 1997.

Sam Duraiswamy,

Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Safety Research Program; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Safety Research Program will hold a meeting on November 4-5, 1997, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, November 4, 1997—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

Wednesday, November 5, 1997—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittee will discuss the NRC Safety Research Program, industry research activities, and related matters, and gather information for preparing a draft annual report to Congress. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, Nuclear Energy Institute, Electric Power Research Institute, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Dr. Medhat El-Zeftawy (telephone 301/415-6889) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the proposed agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: October 8, 1997.

Sam Duraiswamy,

Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of October 13, 20, 27, and November 3, 1997.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of October 13

Tuesday, October 14

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on EEO Program (Public Meeting)
(Contact: Ed Tucker, 301-415-7382)

1:00 p.m.

Briefing on Severe Accident Master
Integration Plan (Public Meeting)
(Contact: Charles Ader, 301-415-5622)

Wednesday, October 15

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on PRA Implementation Plan
(Public Meeting)
(Contact: Tom King, 301-415-5790)

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if
needed)

Week of October 20—Tentative

There are no meetings the week of October 20.

Week of October 27—Tentative

Wednesday, October 29

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if
needed)

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Site Decommissioning Plan
(SDMP) (Public Meeting)

Week of November 3

Tuesday, November 4

2:00 p.m.

Meeting with Commonwealth Edison
(Public Meeting)

Wednesday, November 5

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Staff's Plans for 50.59
Regulatory Process Improvements
(Public Meeting)

11:00 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if
needed)

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.

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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 wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

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Dated: October 10, 1997.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide and Standard Review Plan Section; Issuance, Availability, and Notice of Workshop

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and workshop.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment drafts of a regulatory guide and a Standard Review Plan Section. These issuances follow the Commission's August 16, 1995 (60 FR 42622) policy statement on the "Use of PRA Methods in Nuclear Regulatory