

rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last 10 days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to Phillip F. McKee: petitioner's name and telephone number, date petition was mailed, plant name, and publication

date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Ernest L. Blake, Jr., Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1) (i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 11, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Law/Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, (Regional Depository) Walnut Street and Commonwealth Avenue, Box 1601, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this day of August 1995.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Ronald W. Hernan,

Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate I-3, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Proposed Generic Letter; Revised Contents of the Monthly Operating Report

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to issue a generic letter regarding revised monthly operating report (MOR) contents. The purpose of the proposed generic letter is to inform licensees of nuclear power reactors that the NRC is requesting the submittal, on a voluntary basis, of less information in a modified version of the monthly operating report.

In a staff requirements memorandum (SRM) dated April 26, 1994, in which the Commission endorsed the NRC staff proposal in SECY-94-093 to assess the reporting requirements for power

reactor licensees and initiate rulemaking or other appropriate actions consistent with the plan for implementing the recommendations of the Regulatory Review Group (SECY-94-003), the Commission cautioned NRC staff to "consider the public's need for the information in assessing the body of reporting requirements." Therefore, the NRC is seeking comment from interested parties on the generic letter presented under the Supplementary Information heading, regarding the need to (1) retain information deleted from the monthly operating report identified in Draft Regulatory Guide 1.16/Revision 4, "Reporting of Operating Information-Appendix A Technical Specifications," or (2) further restrict or more explicitly define the information to be reported in the monthly operating report. As an example, in focusing on the reporting of performance indicator data in the MOR, information needed to calculate unit availability will no longer be reported; this includes the unit reserve shutdown hours and the hours in the reporting period. While this statistic may be of interest to certain elements of the industry or public, it is not an essential part of the safety mission of the agency to continue to compile this information.

This generic letter was endorsed by the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) on August 1, 1995. The relevant information that was sent to the CRGR will be placed in the Public Document Room. The NRC will consider comments received from interested parties in the final evaluation of the proposed generic letter. The final evaluation by the NRC will include a review of the technical position and, as appropriate, an analysis of the value/impact on licensees. Should this generic letter be issued by the NRC, it will become available for public inspection in the Public Document Room.

DATES: Comment period expires on September 18, 1995. Comments submitted after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so; assurance of consideration can only be given for those comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Written comments may also be delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 am to 4:15 pm, Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NRC
GENERIC LETTER 95-XX: REVISED
CONTENTS OF THE MONTHLY
OPERATING REPORT**

Addressees

All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power plants.

Purpose

The purpose of this generic letter is to inform licensees that the NRC is requesting the submittal of less information in the monthly operating report. This generic letter requires no specific action or written response.

Discussion

Overview

The assessment of NRC information gathering needs has been the subject of several staff reviews. These reviews have focused on identifying duplicative reporting, determining whether some reports could be reduced in scope or eliminated, and determining whether the frequency of reporting could be reduced. In this regard, the NRC staff concludes that the scope of the information requested in the operating report, which is called for in the Technical Specifications, may be reduced.

Need for the Monthly Operating Report

The impetus for the operating report came from the 1973-1974 oil embargo. Draft Regulatory Guide 1.16, Revision 4, "Reporting of Operating Information—Appendix A Technical Specifications," published for comment in August 1975, identifies operating statistics and shutdown experience information then desired in the operating report. Licensees have generally followed the guidance of the draft Regulatory Guide. The NRC previously compiled this information on a monthly basis and published it in hard copy form as NUREG-0020, "Licensed Operating Reactors—Status Summary Report" (referred to as the "Gray Book"), but now publishes this information on an annual basis as an Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) report and also makes it available on diskette.

The NRC staff assessed the information that is submitted in the operating report and determined that it is a unique source of information for two of the eight performance indicators approved by the Commission for the NRC Performance Indicator (PI) Program. Performance indicator data are fundamental tools used by the NRC staff to independently analyze nuclear power plant safety performance trends. The performance indicator data provided in the operating report include the number

of reactor critical hours for the equipment forced outage indicator, the forced outage hours for the equipment forced outage and forced outage rate indicators, and the outage type (whether forced or scheduled) for the forced outage rate and equipment forced outage indicators. NRC will retain the operating report because the agency has a continuing need to receive this performance indicator data, and at the same frequency. Information reported in the operating report can be limited to that needed to support the PI Program because no safety argument has been presented to justify continuing to receive and compile the other information that is identified in Draft Regulatory Guide 1.16, Revision 4, Section C.1.c. Attachment 1 to this generic letter delineates the information that is needed for the PI Program.

Voluntary Response Requested

Effective immediately, licensees of operating nuclear power plants submitting operating reports called for in the Technical Specifications may do so in accordance with the guidance provided in Attachment 1 to this generic letter. Implementation of this option by licensees is voluntary. However, licensees will have to take whatever means are appropriate to negate any prior commitments to provide operating reports which contain the information identified in Draft Regulatory Guide 1.16, Revision 4, Section C.1.c; this may include an amendment to the facility operating license to remove a license condition. Licensees who choose not to implement this option may continue to submit operating reports as they have in the past.

Backfit Discussion

The NRC staff has determined that the backfit rule, Section 50.109 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 50.109), does not apply to this generic letter because the submittal by licensees of a monthly operating report of the scope described in Attachment 1 is strictly voluntary.

Federal Register Notification

(To be completed after the public comment period.)

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

The voluntary information collections contained in this request are covered by the Office of Management and Budget clearance number 3150-0011, which expires July 31, 1997. The public reporting burden for this monthly collection of information was previously estimated to average 50 hours per response. The NRC staff now estimates

that the reporting burden will average 10 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information, for those addressees who opt to submit modified operating reports that conform to the guidance contained in this generic letter. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this voluntary collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Information and Records Management Branch (T-6F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0011), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503

Attachment 1—Monthly Operating Report Contents

Background

As part of its mission to protect public health and safety, the NRC monitors the performance of licensees that operate the commercial nuclear power plants in the United States. This monitoring effort alerts the NRC to the necessity of adjusting plant-specific regulatory programs. One monitoring tool being used is a set of eight performance indicators (PIs). The PIs provide information about plant performance trends and assist NRC management to identify poor and/or declining safety performance, as well as good and/or improving performance. PI reports were produced quarterly from 1987 to June 1993, then semiannually until June 1995, and annually thereafter. The reports are provided to the Commission, NRC senior managers, licensee senior managers, and to the public through the NRC Public Document Rooms.

The following eight indicators are currently evaluated to determine performance trends among the commercial nuclear power plants: (1) Unplanned automatic reactor trips while critical, (2) selected safety system actuations, (3) significant events, (4) safety system failures, (5) forced outage rate, (6) equipment-forced outages per 1000 commercial critical hours, (7) collective radiation exposure, and (8) cause codes.

The NRC Performance Indicator (PI) Program has been improved and expanded since it was first introduced. Comparison with plant peer groups and the impact of operational conditions on plant PIs was included in the reports beginning with the first quarter of 1993. Plants have been categorized into nine peer groups based on the nuclear steam supply system vendor, the product line, the generating capacity, and the licensing date; a tenth peer group includes all new plants that received a low-power license since January 1, 1987. Calculations of PI trends and deviations are based on an operational cycle methodology; the operational cycle consists of a refueling outage, a plant startup, power operations,

nonrefueling outages, and a prerefueling phase.

Contents of the Monthly Operating Report

Routine reports of operating statistics and shutdown experience are needed to support the NRC Performance Indicator Program. Therefore, the following information should continue to be provided in the monthly operating report:

- Docket Number, Unit Name, Date, Name and Telephone Number of Preparer, and Reporting Month

This information is needed for administrative, tracking, and data entry purposes for the PI Program.

- Unit Shutdowns, including:
 - Sequential number of shutdown for calendar year
 - Date of start of shutdown
 - Type (Forced or Scheduled)
 - Duration (hours)—to the nearest tenth of an hour
 - Reason for shutdown
 - Method of shutting down the reactor
 - Corrective actions/comments
 - Narrative summary of monthly operating experience

This information is needed to calculate the following performance indicators in the PI report: forced outage rate and equipment-forced outages per 1000 commercial critical hours. The information is also used to confirm the operational phase of each event. The operational phase is identified in the PI

report for various initiators: automatic trip while critical, safety system actuation, significant event, safety system failure, and cause codes.

- Number of Hours the Reactor Was Critical

This information is needed to calculate the equipment forced outage indicator and to tabulate critical hours in the PI report.

- Number of Hours the Generator Was On Line (Service Hours)

This information is needed to calculate the forced outage rate indicator in the PI report.

Appendices A and B of this attachment provide further guidance concerning the information that should continue to be submitted. Appendices A and B may also be used as a guide for the format of the information submitted in the monthly operating report. The completed operating report should be submitted by the tenth of the month following the calendar month covered by the report to Document Control Desk, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of August, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Brian K. Grimes,
Acting Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Appendix A—Operating Data Report

| No. | Date | Type F: Forced S: Scheduled | Duration (Hours) | Reason (1) | Method of Shutting Down (2) | Cause/Corrective Actions |
|-----|------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | Comments |
| | | | | | | (1) Reason A—Equipment Failure (Explain) B—Maintenance or Test C—Refueling D—Regulatory Restriction E—Operator Training/License Examination F—Administrative G—Operational Error (Explain) H—Other (Explain) (2) Method 1—Manual 2—Manual Trip 3—Automatic Trip 4—Continuation 5—Load Reduction 6—Other (Explain) |

Docket No. _____
 Unit Name _____
 Date _____
 Completed By _____
 Telephone _____

(This report should continue to be furnished on a monthly basis by licensees.)

Reporting Period: (Month/Year) _____

MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE CUMULATIVE

1. Number of Hours the Reactor Was Critical.
 The total number of hours during the reporting period that the reactor was critical.
2. Number of Hours the Generator Was On Line. (Also called Service Hours.) The total number of hours during the reporting period that the unit operated with breakers closed to the station bus.

Appendix B—Unit Shutdowns

Docket No. _____
 Unit Name _____
 Date _____
 Completed By _____
 Telephone _____
 Reporting Period: (Month/Year) _____

SUMMARY:

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ACTION: Notice of availability of the *Procurement Regulatory Activity Report, Number 11.*

SUMMARY: Subsections 25(g) (1) and (2) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Act, as amended by Public Law 100-679, codified at 41 U.S.C. § 421(g), require the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy to publish a report within six months after the date of enactment and every six months thereafter relating to the development of procurement regulations.

Accordingly, OFPP has prepared this report, which is designed to satisfy all aspects of subsections 25(g) (1) and (2) of the OFPP Act, and includes information on the status of each regulation; a description of those regulations required by statute; a description of the methods by which public comment was sought; regulations, policies, procedures, and forms under review by the OFPP; whether the regulations have paperwork requirements; the progress made in promulgating and implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and

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Office of Federal Procurement Policy

Procurement Regulatory Activity Report; Availability

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Procurement Policy.