

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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Individual Plant Examination Database: User's Guide, Draft

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Availability of NUREG-1603, draft.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has published a draft of "Individual Plant Examination Database: User's Guide. This user's guide provides guidance for formulating queries on the Individual Plant Examination (IPE) database. The IPE database stores information extracted from a review of the IPEs submitted to the agency in response to Generic Letter 88-20.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Draft NUREG-1603 is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001. A free single copy of Draft NUREG-1603, 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.

It should be noted that the associated software to query the IPE database is not attached to the user's guide. However, the computer software is made available at NRC web site (www.nrc.gov) under the category, "Nuclear Reactor."

The Individual Plant Examination (IPE) database stores structured information about plant designs, core damage frequency (CDF) and containment performance. It records the presence or absence of hardware in each design, characterizes its functional dependencies, and relates these features to the CDF and containment performance. The IPE database supports detailed inquiries into these characteristics for a specific plant or class of plants. In particular, the IPE database is designed to answer questions that enable interested parties to compare the CDF and containment

performance of boiling- and pressurized- water reactors (BWRs and PWRs) as a function of their design features, on the basis of information found in the IPE submittals.

It should be noted that the information in the IPE database has not been verified or validated. The database contains only information taken from the original IPEs submitted by the licensees and does not contain any changes to this information made because of updates to the licensees' IPEs.

To query the IPE database, two programs have been developed. The first is a self-contained, user friendly, menu-driven program written in Microsoft's Visual Basic language. This program answers the "basic queries" most often asked about the IPEs, through a process of sorting records within the IPE database. Queries of this type can be improvised on the spot. Other "advanced queries" that all for calculations, linking of data files, and ranking or sorting on the basis of calculation can be performed using the programming language within such personal computer data management applications as dBase, Access, or Paradox. This IPE database user's guide provides guidance for formulating basic and advanced queries.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Appointments to Performance Review Boards for Senior Executive Service

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Appointment to performance review boards for Senior Executive Service.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has announced the following appointments to the NRC Performance Review Boards.

The following individuals are appointed as members of the NRC Performance Review Board (PRB) responsible for making

recommendations to the appointing and awarding authorities on performance appraisal ratings and performance awards for Senior Executives:

Patricia G. Norry, Deputy Executive Director for Management Services
 Richard L. Bangart, Director, Office of State Programs
 Stephen G. Burns, Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel
 Guy P. Caputo, Director, Office of Investigations
 Jesse L. Funches, Chief Financial Officer
 Edward L. Halman, Director, Office of Administration
 Malcolm R. Knapp, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
 Hubert J. Miller, Regional Administrator, Region I
 Marylee M. Slosson, Deputy Division Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
 Ashok C. Thadani, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
 Roy P. Zimmerman, Associate Director for Projects, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

The following individuals will serve as members of the NRC PRB Panel that was established to review appraisals and make recommendations to the appointing and awarding authorities for NRC PRB members:

Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Deputy Executive Director for Regulatory Programs
 Karen D. Cyr, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel
 Edward L. Jordan, Deputy Executive Director for Regulatory Effectiveness, Program Oversight, Investigations and Enforcement

All appointments are made pursuant to Section 4314 of Chapter 43 of Title 5 of the United States Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 5, 1997.

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For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Secretary, Executive Resources Board.

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