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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Meeting on Standard Review Plan

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: NRC will host a public meeting in Rockville, Maryland. The meeting will provide an opportunity for discussion on the draft NUREG-1520, Standard Review Plan (SRP), Chapter 3. The revised SRP Chapter 3 can be found on the Internet at the following website: http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/library?source=* & library=Part_70_lib The web site can also be reached by the following method:

1. Go the main NRC web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov>
2. Scroll down to the bottom of that page and click on the word "Rulemaking."
3. Scroll down on the Rulemaking page until the words "Technical Conference" appear. Click on those words.
4. On the page titled "Welcome to the NRC Technical Conference Forum," click on the link to participate in Technical Conferences.
5. Scroll down to the topic "Draft Standard Review Plan and Guidance on Amendment to 10 CFR Part 70."
6. Select "Document Library."

PURPOSE: This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss comments on the staff's revised Chapter 3, including the Nuclear Energy Institute's November 16, 2000 comment letter to the NRC.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2001, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-16-B4, Rockville, Maryland. Visitor parking around the NRC building is limited; however, the meeting site is located adjacent to the White Flint Station on the Metro Red Line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Cox, Project Manager, Fuel

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 24th day of January, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Risk-Based Performance Indicators: Results of Phase-1 Development

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for comment and notice of two public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is announcing the availability of the draft document entitled: "Risk-Based Performance Indicators: Results of Phase-1 Development," dated January 2001 for review and comment by external stakeholders. Interested individuals may obtain a copy of this document from the person identified under the caption: **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

DATES: Submit comments by April 16, 2001. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

Two public meetings will be held on February 21, 2001 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, and April 24, 2001 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Deliver comments to: 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm Federal workdays.

Two public meetings to be held at Two White Flint North, Room T-10A1 for the first meeting, and Two White Flint North Auditorium for the second meeting, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The draft document and certain other documents related to this action, including comments received, may be examined in the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hossein G. Hamzehee, Division of Risk Analysis and Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: 301-415-6228, e-mail: hgh@nrc.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) was recently revised to improve the NRC's regulatory oversight of licensee operation of commercial nuclear power plants. It is intended to better risk-inform agency actions and bring more objectivity to the regulatory process. The revised ROP is consistent with the goals of the Commission's PRA Policy Statement and the NRC's Strategic Plan (NUREG-1614), which include increased use of the PRA technology in "regulatory matters to the extent supported by the state-of-the-art in PRA methods and data and in a manner that complements the NRC's deterministic approach and supports the NRC's traditional defense-in-depth philosophy." The ROP is reflective of the NRC's efforts to better risk-inform its core processes.

SECY-99-007 and 99-007A described the ROP. The ROP was implemented at all plants, except DC Cook, in April 2000 following a six-month pilot program conducted in 1999. The results of this pilot program were described in SECY-00-0049. A fundamental aspect of the ROP is the use of both performance indicators and inspection findings to determine whether the objectives of the ROP's cornerstones of safety are being met on a plant-specific basis.

In addition to these changes at the NRC, the industry is using more performance-based approaches to enhance its operations, including gathering and analyzing both plant-specific and industry-wide data. Furthermore, technological advances such as the Internet and microcomputer use have resulted in improved capabilities to gather and share such data. Through such technological developments, both the industry and the NRC have expanded their capabilities to model and assess the risk-significance of plant operations.

In light of these evolving capabilities and the movement toward more risk-informed and performance-based oversight, the Risk-based Performance Indicators were developed to (1) address specific areas in the current ROP that were identified in SECY-00-0049 as possible enhancements and (2) potentially support any future development of performance indicators