

as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft regulatory guide (DG), entitled, "An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1200, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-1200 is proposed Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.200.

In 1995, the NRC issued a Policy Statement on the use of probabilistic risk analysis (PRA), encouraging its use in all regulatory matters. That Policy Statement states that "the use of PRA technology should be increased 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." Since that time, many uses have been implemented or undertaken, including modification of the NRC's reactor safety inspection program and initiation of work to modify reactor safety regulations. Consequently, confidence in the information derived from a PRA is an important issue, in that the accuracy of the technical content must be sufficient to justify the specific results and insights that are used to support the decision under consideration.

This guide describes one acceptable approach for determining whether the quality of the PRA, in total or the parts that are used to support an application, is sufficient to provide confidence in the results, such that the PRA can be used in regulatory decision-making for light-water reactors. This guidance is intended to be consistent with the NRC's PRA Policy Statement. It is also intended to reflect and endorse guidance provided by standards-setting and nuclear industry organizations.

When used in support of an application, this regulatory guide will obviate the need for an in-depth review of the base PRA by NRC reviewers, allowing them to focus their review on key assumptions and areas identified by peer reviewers as being of concern and relevant to the application. Consequently, this guide will provide for a more focused and consistent review process. In this regulatory guide, the quality of a PRA analysis used to support an application is measured in terms of its appropriateness with respect

to scope, level of detail, and technical acceptability.

The NRC staff has scheduled a public meeting on July 11, 2008, (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.), at NRC headquarters (11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, conference room T-10A1) to discuss DG-1200. The meeting will focus on the changes in DG-1200 from the previous revision of this guide (i.e., Regulatory Guide 1.200, Revision 1). Call-in capability will be made available for those individuals who can not travel to NRC headquarters; however, only a limited number of call-in lines can be made available. Please contact Mary Drouin (e-mail Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov or 307-415-6675), if you plan to call in. The meeting will also be noticed at least 10 days prior to the meeting, which will include an agenda and the call-in number.

II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-1200 (including any implementation schedule) and its associated regulatory analysis or value/impact statement. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data and should mention DG-1200 in the subject line. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

Personal information will not be removed from your comments. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

1. *Mail comments to:* Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

2. *E-mail comments to:* NRCREP@nrc.gov.

3. *Hand-deliver comments to:* Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

4. *Fax comments to:* Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

Requests for technical information about DG-1200 may be directed to the NRC contact, Mary Drouin at (301) 415-6675 or e-mail to Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov.

Comments would be most helpful if received by August 25, 2008. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before

this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Electronic copies of DG-1200 are available through the NRC's public Web site under Draft Regulatory Guides in the "Regulatory Guides" collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies are also available in ADAMS (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>), under Accession No. ML081200566.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), which is located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4205, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to PDR@nrc.gov.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of June, 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Subcommittee Meeting on Power Upgrades (Hope Creek); Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Power Upgrades will hold a meeting on July 8, 2008, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room T-2B3.

The meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of portions that may be closed to discuss proprietary information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) for presentations covering information that is proprietary to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (DNC) or its contractor Westinghouse Electric Company LLC.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday July 8, 2008—9 a.m.–5 p.m.

The Subcommittee will review the staff's safety evaluation associated with the Millstone Power Station Unit 3 stretch power uprate. The

Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, DNC, Westinghouse, and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Officer, Mr. David Bessette at 301-415-8065, five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2007, (72 FR 54695).

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 8:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on July 7, 2008, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room T-2B1.

The meeting will be open to public attendance. The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Monday July 7, 2008—12 Noon Until 6 p.m.

The Subcommittee will discuss the peer review of the TRACE code. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, consultants to the staff, and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions

and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Officer, Mr. David Bessette at 301-415-8065, five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2007, (72 FR 54695).

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Officer between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a meeting on July 9-11, 2008, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, October 22, 2007 (72 FR 59574).

Wednesday, July 9, 2008, Conference Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: Stretch Power Uprate Application for Millstone Power Station Unit 3 (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., and its contractor Westinghouse Electric Company LLC regarding the proposed 7% stretch power uprate for Millstone Power Station Unit 3, and related matters.

10:45 a.m.–2:15 p.m.: Selected Chapters of the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) Associated with the Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) Design Certification Application (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and General Electric—Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) regarding selected chapters of the NRC staff's SER with Open Items associated with the ESBWR design certification application.

2:30 p.m.–6 p.m.: Safeguards and Security Matters (Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the draft final/proposed rules and associated regulatory guidance in the area of safeguards and security.

6:15 p.m.–7:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)—The Committee will prepare and discuss the proposed ACRS reports on Stretch Power Uprate Application for Millstone Power Station Unit 3, selected chapters of the SER associated with the ESBWR Design Certification Application, and Safeguards and Security Matters.

Thursday, July 10, 2008, Conference Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: Status of NRC Staff Activities Associated with Seismic Design Issues at Nuclear Power Plants (Open)—The Committee will discuss with representatives of the NRC staff the 2008 seismic research program plan, the interim staff guidance on high frequency ground motion, the July 2007 Japan earthquake, and the status of resolution of Generic Safety Issue-199 (GSI-199).

10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: Containment Overpressure Credit (Open/Closed)—The Committee will discuss with representatives of the NRC staff and Tennessee Valley Authority technical issues related to crediting of containment overpressure during design basis accidents and special events in support of the extended power uprate for Brown Ferry Units 1, 2, and 3.

1:30 p.m.–2:15 p.m.: Future Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future ACRS meetings, and report on matters related to the conduct