

CYCLE FACILITY SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM.” SECY-99-188 is available in the Public Document Room and on the NRC Web Page at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/index.html>.

Purpose of Workshop

To obtain stakeholder views for improving the NRC oversight program for ensuring licensee and certificate holders maintain protection of worker and public health and safety, protection of the environment, and safeguards for nuclear material and sensitive information and material in the interest of national security. The oversight program applies to nuclear fuel cycle facilities regulated under 10 CFR Parts 40, 70, and 76. The facilities currently include gaseous diffusion plants, highly enriched uranium fuel fabrication facilities, low-enriched uranium fuel fabrication facilities, and a uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) production facility. These facilities possess large quantities of materials that are potentially hazardous (i.e., radioactive, toxic, and/or flammable) to the workers, public, and environment. In revising the oversight program, the goal is to have an oversight program that: (1) Provides earlier and more objective indications of acceptable and changing safety and safeguards performance, (2) increases stakeholder confidence in the NRC, and (3) increases regulatory effectiveness, efficiency, and realism. In this regard, the NRC desires the revised oversight program to be more risk-informed and performance-based and more focused on significant risks and poorer performers.

The workshop will focus on:

- Plans for communicating revision of the oversight program with stakeholders internal and external to the NRC;
- Objective and scope of safety and national security related cornerstones for meeting the NRC mission;
- Key performance attributes for achieving each cornerstone;
- Licensee performance attributes the NRC needs to monitor/assess by means of licensee provided performance indicators and NRC inspections to ensure cornerstone objectives are met;
- Criteria for selection of performance indicators and risk informed inspections;
- Measurable parameters and measurement methods for performance indicators; and
- Thresholds for performance.

DATES: Members of the public and other stakeholders are invited to attend and participate in the workshop, which is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, and Thursday, March 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: NEI, 1776 I Street (Republic Place), Washington, DC. Visitor parking around NEI is limited; however, the meeting site may be reached from Rockville by taking the Red line metro to Farragut North, and exiting at K Street. Farragut Park will be in front of you. Notice that 17th Street is parallel to the park. Walk one block along 17th Street to I Street, turn right, walk one more block. NEI is on the left on corner of 18th and I Streets, NW. From Reagan National Airport, NEI may be reached by taking the Blue line train towards Addison Road to Farragut West. Exit to 18th Street, and NEI is diagonally across the street on the corner of 18th and I Streets, NW.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NUREG-1718]

Standard Review Plan for the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has extended the public comment period on draft NUREG-1718, “Standard Review Plan for the Review of an Application for the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility,” to allow interested parties additional time to prepare comments.

DATES: Submit comments by March 27, 2000. 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.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm during Federal workdays.

Draft NUREG-1718 is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the Commission’s Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, and electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

A free single copy of draft NUREG-1718, to the extent of supply, may be requested by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Distribution Services, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Draft NUREG-1718 is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NUREG/indexnum.html>.

Comments may be submitted by selecting the “comments” link on the main page for the draft NUREG.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding draft NUREG-1718 contact Andrew Persinko, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-6522.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Information-Based Indicia Program (IBIP) Performance Criteria for Information-Based Indicia and Security Architecture for Open IBI Postage Evidencing Systems (PCIBI-O)

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Performance Criteria, with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service has compiled a revised draft functional Performance Criteria for open systems of the Information-Based Indicia program (IBIP), as defined in this release. The current release contains the performance criteria for the Indicum, the Postal Security Device (PSD), the Host System, and the IBIP Key Infrastructure components of an open IBI system. The Postal Service also seeks comments on intellectual property issues raised by IBIP Performance Criteria, policy, and procedures if adopted in present form. If an intellectual property issue includes patents or patent applications covering