

Cycle Facility Safety Inspection Program,” and in SECY-00-0222, “Status of Revision.” SECY-99-188 and SECY-00-0222, as well as other background information, are available in the Public Document Room and on the NRC Web Page at <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Purpose of Meeting

To obtain stakeholder views for improving the NRC oversight program for ensuring fuel cycle licensees and certificate holders maintain protection of worker and public health and safety, protection of the environment, and safeguards for special nuclear material and classified matter in the interest of national security. The public meeting will focus on the revisions that are being made to the program, and on how interested parties can provide input to the change process.

DATE AND LOCATION: Members of the public, industry, and other stakeholders are invited to attend and participate in the meeting, which is scheduled for 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2001. The meeting will be held in the Resource Center at the Paducah Information Age Park in Paducah, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Castleman, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-8118, e-mail pic@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 27th day of April 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NUREG-1742, “Perspectives Gained From the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) Program”; Draft for Comment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft report for comment NUREG-1742, “Perspectives Gained from the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) Program”.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued on June 28, 1991, Supplement 4 to Generic Letter 88-20, “Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) for Severe

Accident Vulnerabilities, 10 CFR 50.54(f).” Associated guidance for conduct of the IPEEEs was issued in June 1991 in NUREG-1407, “Procedural and Submittal Guidance for the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities.” Specifically, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requested that each licensee perform an IPEEE to identify and report to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission all plant-specific vulnerabilities to severe accidents caused by external events. This review was limited to plant behavior under full-power operating conditions. The external events to be considered included seismic events; internal fires; and high winds, floods, and other (HFO) external initiating events including transportation or nearby facility accidents and plant-unique hazards. All currently operating nuclear power plants in the United States have completed their assessments and submitted their analyses to the NRC.

Consistent with the intent of Generic Letter 88-20, the primary goal of the IPEEE program has been for each licensee to identify plant-specific vulnerabilities to severe accidents. More specifically, Supplement 4 to Generic Letter 88-20 identified the following four objectives for the IPEEE:

- To develop an appreciation of severe accident behavior,
- To understand the most likely severe accident sequences that could occur at the licensee’s plant under full-power operating conditions,
- To gain a qualitative understanding of the overall likelihood of core damage and fission product releases, and
- To reduce, if necessary, the overall likelihood of core damage and radioactive material releases by modifying, where appropriate, hardware and procedures that would help prevent or mitigate severe accidents.

The primary objective of the NRC’s technical review process was to ascertain the extent to which the licensee’s IPEEE submittals have achieved the intent of Generic Letter 88-20, satisfied the four principle IPEEE objectives listed above, and followed the recommended guidance in NUREG-1407. The reviews focused on verifying that the critical elements of acceptable IPEEE analyses in the fire, seismic, and HFO areas were performed in accordance with the guidelines in NUREG-1407. Results of the reviews of each IPEEE are documented in plant-specific Staff Evaluation Reports and Technical Evaluation Reports which were transmitted to each licensee and made publically available. It should also

be noted that the staff’s reviews were not intended to validate or verify the licensees’ IPEEEs analyses or results (i.e., an in-depth evaluation of the various inputs, assumptions, and calculations was not performed). Rather, methods, approaches, assumptions, and results were reviewed for reasonableness. If inconsistencies were encountered, they were reported in the plant-specific IPEEE Technical Evaluation Reports.

The draft report NUREG-1742, “Perspectives Gained from the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) Program” summarizes the findings from the review of the licensees’ IPEEE submittals. The public is invited to provide feedback on this draft report.

As part of the IPEEE program, some generic issues were addressed by the licensees in their submittals. As noted in draft NUREG-1742, while this has resulted in resolution of most of the generic issues related to the IPEEE program, some aspects of some generic issues were not sufficiently discussed in all submittals to reach a resolution. Those remaining issues will be addressed separately from the IPEEE program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice serves as a request for public comment on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s draft report NUREG-1742, “Perspectives Gained from the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) Program,” that is dated April 2001 (web address: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NUREGS/SR1742/V1/index.html>). Only written comments are requested. Feedback is especially requested on the following specific questions.

1. Does the information contained in NUREG-1742 represent a useful understanding of the potential vulnerabilities of nuclear power plants to external events? How will the information in this report be used by various stakeholders? What would make the information more useful?

2. Are there another comparisons of information from the IPEEE submittals that would yield useful insights? If so, what comparisons would be useful? Why?

3. Given the information from the IPEEE submittals on the risk from fire, seismic and other external events, is additional research needed to improve methods, reduce uncertainties, or resolve issues? If so, what research should be pursued and why? If not, why not?

4. Potential plant improvements, identified by licensees in their

submittals, can be divided into three general categories—improvements that (1) have been completed, (2) will be made, or (3) will receive further consideration. Are there any improvements in either of the last two categories that have been completed and that resulted in a significant change in a plant's ability to withstand potential external events? If so, what are the improvements and the related changes to the plant's capability?

5. How can the results of the IPEEE program be used to (1) maintain safe operations of nuclear facilities; (2) make NRC activities and decisions more effective, efficient, and reliable; (3) increase public confidence; or (4) reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on stakeholders?

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written comments may be sent to Dr. Alan M. Rubin, Probabilistic Risk Analysis Branch, Division of Risk Analysis and Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Mail Stop T10E50, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, or e-mail: amr@nrc.gov.

DATES: Submit comments by July 31, 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.

Dated this 10th Day of April 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Thomas L. King,

Director, Division of Risk Analysis and Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants; Draft Addenda to NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Revision 1,

AGENCIES: Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Federal Emergency Management Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have issued for public comment the Draft Addenda to NUREG-0654/

FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants." This NUREG is the basic emergency planning guidance document for radiological emergency planning and preparedness for commercial nuclear power plants and is used by licensees and by State and local government emergency response agencies to develop and maintain radiological emergency plans for nuclear power plants.

DATE: The comment period ends August 1, 2001, of this **Federal Register** notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Hand-deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal workdays.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of the Draft Addenda to NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, by writing to: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or E-mail: DISTRIBUTION@nrc.gov, or Facsimile: (301) 415-2289.

The Draft Addenda to NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, also is available electronically by visiting NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NUREGS/SR0654/R1addenda/index.html>) or FEMA's Home Page (<http://www.fema.gov/pte/rep/>).

A copy of the Draft Addenda to NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, is available for inspection and copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room O1F21.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces the availability of and request for comment on the Draft

Addenda to NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants."

NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, was issued in November 1980 and is the basic emergency planning guidance document for radiological emergency planning and preparedness for commercial nuclear power plants.

NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, is used by licensees and by State and local government emergency response agencies to develop and maintain radiological emergency plans for nuclear power plants. NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, is also used by staff of the NRC and FEMA to review, respectively, licensee and State and local government radiological emergency plans and preparedness, and to make findings and determinations regarding the adequacy of these plans. As part of FEMA's strategic review of its radiological emergency preparedness program, FEMA and NRC staff determined that it was not necessary to revise NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1, but that to enhance its usefulness, the outdated citations in the document should be replaced with updated citations through means of an addenda. An initial version of the addenda was posted on the FEMA web site and provided to the member agencies of the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee for comment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of March 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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For the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: RI 38-115

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.