PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of December 30, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 30, 2002.

Week of January 6, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 6, 2003.

Week of January 13, 2003—Tentative

Tuesday, January 14, 2003.

10 a.m.—Discussion of security issued (closed—ex. 1).

2 p.m.—Briefing on NRC lessons learned: Davis-Besse RVH Degradation (public meeting) (contact: Stacey Rosenberg, 301–415–1733).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—*http://nrc.gov.*

Week of January 20, 2003—Tentative

Thursday, January 23, 2003.

2 p.m.—Briefing on status of NMSS programs, performance, and plans—materials safety (public meeting) (Contact: Claudia Seelig, 301–415–7243).

Week of January 27, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 27, 2003.

Week of February 3, 2003—Tentative

Tuesday, February 4.

10 a.m.—Briefing on status of OCIO programs, performance, and plans (public meeting) (contact: Jackie Silber, 301–415–7330).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—*http://nrc.gov.*

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415–1292. Contact person for more information: R. Michelle Schroll (301) 415–1662.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: *http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html.*

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301–415–1969).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to *dkw@nrc.gov.*

Dated: December 26, 2002.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Acting Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Standard Review Plan, Availability of Draft Standard Review Plan

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of issuance of Draft Standard Review Plan.

SUMMARY: The NRC is announcing the availability of draft Standard Review Plan (SRP) Section 14.2.1, ''Generic Guidelines for Extended Power Uprate Testing Programs,'' dated December 2002, for interim use and public comment.

DATES: Submit comments by March 31, 2003. 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: Submit comments to Kevin A. Coyne, Operations Engineer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mailstop O–6F2, Washington, DC 20555–0001. Comments may be delivered to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin A. Coyne, Operations Engineer, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, by telephone at 301–415–1399 or e-mail at *kxc@nrc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Draft SRP Section 14.2.1 provides guidance for the NRC staff to use when evaluating testing programs proposed by licensee's in relation to extended power uprate amendment requests. The purpose of NRC staff's review related to Draft SRP Section 14.2.1 is to ensure that proposed extended power uprate testing programs (1) adequately control initial power ascension to the requested power level, (2) include sufficient testing to demonstrate that extended power uprate related plant modifications have been adequately implemented, and (3) include sufficient testing to demonstrate that structures, systems, and components will perform satisfactorily at the requested power level.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of December 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Kathy Halvey Gibson,

Acting Chief, Equipment and Human Performance Branch, Division of Inspection Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Standard Review Plan; Availability of Draft Standard Review Plan

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of issuance of draft standard review plan.

SUMMARY: The NRC is announcing the availability of draft standard review plan (SRP) sections 13.2.1, ''Reactor Operator Training,'' 13.2.2, ''Training for Nonlicensed Plant Staff,'' and 13.5.2.1, ''Operating and Emergency Operating Procedures,'' and chapter 18.0, ''Human Factors Engineering,'' for interim use and public comment.

DATES: Submit comments by March 31, 2003. 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: Submit comments to Richard J. Eckenrode, Senior Human Factors Engineer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mailstop O–6F2, Washington, DC 20555–0001. Comments may be delivered to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard J. Eckenrode, Senior Human Factors Engineer, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, by telephone at 301–415–3172 or e-mail at *rje1@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Draft SRP Sections 13.2.1, 13.2.2, and 13.5.2.1

Draft SRP section 13.2.1 provides review guidance for the NRC staff to use when evaluating a licensee's or applicant's licensed operator training program. The purpose of NRC staff's review related to draft SRP section 13.2.1 is to ensure that the training provided to reactor operators will be adequate to provide assurance that all reactor operator qualification requirements will be met at the time needed, *i.e.*, prior to operator license examinations, prior to fuel loading, or prior to appointment or reappointment to the position.

Draft SRP section 13.2.2 provides review guidance for the NRC staff to use when evaluating a licensee's or applicant's nonlicensed plant staff training programs. The purpose of NRC staff review related to draft SRP 13.2.2 is to ensure that training provided for each position on the plant staff will be adequate to provide assurance that all plant staff personnel training and qualification requirements will be met when needed, *i.e.*, prior to properational tests, prior to fuel loading, or prior to appointment or reappointment to the position. The document also includes a detailed section on fire protection personnel training.

Draft SRP section 13.5.2.1 provides review guidance for the NRC to use when evaluating a licensee's or applicant's operating and emergency operating procedures. The purpose of NRC staff review related to draft SRP section 13.5.2.1 is to ensure that routine operating, off-normal, and emergency activities are conducted in a safe manner. The review covers procedure content and development process including schedules for preparation of procedures. The classes of procedures covered by this section are system procedures, general plant procedures, abnormal or off-normal condition procedures, emergency operating procedures, and alarm procedures.

Minor revisions were made to draft SRP sections 13.2.1, 13.2.2, and 13.5.2.1 from the draft versions that were issued in 1996 for public comment, including changes in terminology and organizations names, updating of references and regulations, and the addition of technical rationale discussions.

Draft SRP Chapter 18

Draft SRP chapter 18.0 describes a process for evaluating (1) human-system interface designs, (2) the design process, (3) design reviews, and (4) operator actions submitted by applicants and licensees for the broad range of NRC review responsibilities. This chapter identifies the following 12 areas of review that are needed for successful integration of human characteristics and capabilities into nuclear power plant design:

- Human Factors Engineering Program Management
- Operating Experience Review
- Functional Requirements Analysis and Function Allocation
- Task Analysis
- Staffing and Qualifications
- Human Reliability Analysis
- Procedure Development
- Training Program Development
- Human-System Interface Design
- Human Factors Verification and Validation
- Design Implementation
- Human Performance Monitoring

While the process defines 12 areas of review, not all may be applicable to the review of a particular applicant's or licensee's HFE program. The guidance in this chapter will be applied to new plant designs, control station modifications, and modifications affecting risk-important human actions.

The changes to chapter 18.0 from the 1996 version are both in organization and content. The organizational changes reflect three types of reviews: (1) HFE aspects of new plant designs, (2) HFE aspects of control room modifications (hybrid analog/digital control rooms), and (3) HFE aspects of changes to risk-important human actions. The first part on new plant designs is based on NUREG–0711, ''Human Factors Engineering Program Review Model,'' developed through the review process of the three certified advanced reactor designs. Its purpose is to provide a design process model that, if followed, should produce a control room acceptable to the NRC. This document has been recently updated to provide guidance to the staff for reviewing the control room design/development/implementation process, as it moves along, so that there should be no surprises at the end. The reason for this type of process and process review is that the three advanced reactor designs were certified without control room designs in order to allow for the significant advances in digital technology expected to be in place at the time a plant might actually submit a construction/operating license application. The second major reference in this chapter is NUREG–0700 ''Human-System Interface Design Review Guidelines,'' which provides for a systematic evaluation of the human engineering aspects of the human-system interface. This document has recently been updated to reflect the latest guidance in digital technology, all of which has gone through a significant validation process.

The second part of draft chapter 18.0 provides review guidance for modifications to current analog control rooms. Most of these modifications involve changes in systems and equipment from analog to digital resulting in hybrid control rooms. The review guidance is based on NUREG–0711, but reduced in scope to apply only to those sections of the NUREG that are directly related to the modification. Again, NUREG–0700 guidance applies to these modifications. Power uprates can include analog-to-digital instrumentation change outs and this revised guidance is needed to perform reviews of these changes.

The final part of draft chapter 18.0 provides review guidance for changes to operator actions often resulting from changes to systems and equipment. It is based primarily on draft NUREG–1764, ''Guidance for the Review of Changes to Human Actions.'' The guidance first evaluates the risk associated with the action, based partly on the criteria of Regulatory Guide 1.174, ''An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment In Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Charges to the Licensing Basis.'' Depending on the resulting level

of risk, the action is assigned to one of three risk regions. If the risk falls in Region I, a detailed review based on NUREG–0711 is conducted in the detail similar to the hybrid control room. If the risk falls in Region II, a much reduced review is conducted, and if in Region III, no human factors review is conducted. This facilitates a much more efficient and effective use of staff resources. The NRC staff review of power uprate applications that credit operator actions will be more efficient when this screening criteria is added. Once again, NUREG–0700 is used for those operator action changes involving changes to the human-system interface.

The three NUREGs discussed above are also available for review and comment.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of December, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Kathy Halvey Gibson,

Acting Chief, Equipment and Human Performance Branch, Division of Inspection Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Review Standard for Extended Power Uprates; Availability of Review Standard

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of issuance of draft review standard.

SUMMARY: The NRC is announcing the availability of draft Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Review Standard (RS)–001, ''Review Standard for Extended Power Uprates,'' dated December 2002, for interim use and public comment.

DATES: Submit comments by March 31, 2003. 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: Submit comments to Mohammed A. Shuaibi, Senior Project Manager, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mailstop O–8H4a, Washington, DC 20555–0001. Comments may be delivered to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mohammed A. Shuaibi, Senior Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate III, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, by telephone at 301–415–2859 or e-mail at *mas4@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The process of increasing the licensed power level at a commercial nuclear power plant is called a ''power uprate.'' Power uprates can be classified into three categories based on the magnitude of the power increase and the methods used to achieve the increase. Measurement uncertainty recapture power uprates result in power level increases that are less than 2 percent and are achieved by implementing enhanced techniques for calculating reactor power. Stretch power uprates typically result in power level increases that are up to 7 percent and do not generally involve major plant modifications. Extended power uprates (EPUs) result in power level increases that are greater than stretch power uprates, have been approved for increases as high as 20 percent, and usually require significant modifications to major plant equipment. Draft RS–001 is applicable to EPUs.

Draft RS–001 establishes standardized review guidance for the staff's reviews of EPU applications to enhance the consistency, quality, and completeness of the reviews. It serves as a tool for the staff's use when processing EPU applications in that it provides detailed references to various NRC documents containing specific information related to the areas of review.

Draft RS–001 also makes available to licensees the guidance used by the staff for reviewing EPU applications. Making this information available should help licensees prepare complete EPU applications that address the topics required for the staff's review. By addressing the areas in the review standard, a licensee could minimize the staff's need for requests for additional information and thereby improve the efficiency of the staff's review.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of December, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ledyard B. Marsh,

Deputy Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends Parts S and T of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority, which cover the Social Security Administration (SSA). This notice establishes a new Office of the Chief Strategic Officer (T). It removes the Office of Strategic Management (SAQ) from the Office of the Commissioner (SA) and places it in this new Office. It also removes the Office of Workforce Analysis (S7H) from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources (S7) and places it in the new Office. In addition, it transfers the competitive sourcing function from the Office of Budget, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Finance, Assessment and Management. The new material and changes are as follows:

Chapter S

Social Security Administration

Section S.10 *The Social Security Administration*—(Organization): The Social Security Administration, under the supervision and direction of the Commissioner of Social Security (the Commissioner), includes:

Establish:

N. The Office of the Chief Strategic Officer (T)

Chapter SA

Office of the Commissioner

Section SA.10 *The Office of the Commissioner*—(Organization): The Office of the Commissioner, under the leadership of the Commissioner of Social Security, includes:

Delete:

E. The Office of Strategic Management (SAQ)

Section SA.20 *The Office of the Commissioner*—(Functions): Delete E, paragraphs 1–4.