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copyrighted materials in their submission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of April, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Scott W. Moore,

Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-271-LA]

In the Matter of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station); Notice of Appointment of Adjudicatory Employee

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.4, notice is hereby given that Mr. Daniel M. Barss, Team Leader, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, Division of Preparedness and Response, has been appointed as a Commission adjudicatory employee within the meaning of section 2.4, to advise the Commission regarding issues relating to review of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's Memorandum and Order LBP-15-4 in this license amendment proceeding. Mr. Barss has not previously performed any investigative or litigating function in connection with this or any related proceeding. Until such time as a final decision is issued in this matter, interested persons outside the agency and agency employees performing investigative or litigating functions in this proceeding are required to observe the restrictions of 10 CFR 2.347 and 2.348 in their communications with Mr. Barss.

It is so ordered.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of May, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook,

Secretary of the Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2015-0131]

Proposed Revision to Site Characteristics and Site Parameters

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Standard review plan-draft section revision; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is soliciting public comment on NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan (SRP) for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants: LWR Edition," Section 2.0, "Site Characteristics and Site Parameters." The NRC seeks comments on the proposed revised section of the SRP concerning site characteristics and site parameters.

DATES: Submit comments by July 27, 2015. 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: You may submit comments by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0131. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: O12-H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

- For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Notich, telephone: 301-415-3053; email: Mark.Notich@nrc.gov, or Demetrius Murray, telephone: 301-415-7646; email: Demetrius.Murray@nrc.gov, both are staff of the Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0131 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0131.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "*Begin Web-based ADAMS Search*." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS Accession numbers for the documents associated with the proposed revisions are available in ADAMS as follows: SRP Section 2.0, "Site Characteristics and Site Parameters," proposed Revision 1 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15043A732), current Revision 0 (ADAMS Accession No. ML070400364), and the redline document (ADAMS Accession No. ML14091B080).

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2015-0131 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC posts all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as entering the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

II. Further Information

The NRC proposes to revise SRP Section 2.0, "Site Characteristics and Site Parameters," in Chapter 2 of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants: LWR Edition." The proposed changes to the SRP Section 2.0 reflect the current staff review methods and practices based on lessons learned from NRC reviews of early site permit, design certification and combined license applications completed since the last revision of this section. The changes include: (1) Clarifying the areas of review by providing definitions and a more detailed description of what is reviewed under part 52 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), application; (2) adding more detailed to text and references to regulations to clarify acceptance criteria requirements; and (3) providing clarification on the review of site parameters and site characteristics.

Following the NRC staff's evaluation of public comments, the NRC intends to finalize SRP Section 2.0, Revision 1 in ADAMS and post it on the NRC's public Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr0800/>. The SRP is a guidance for the NRC staff. The SRP is not a substitute for the NRC's regulations, and compliance with the SRP is not required.

III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Issuance of this SRP section revisions does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (the Backfit Rule) nor is it inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. The NRC's position is based upon the following considerations.

1. The SRP Positions Would Not Constitute Backfitting, Inasmuch as the SRP Is Internal Guidance to the NRC Staff

The SRP provides internal guidance to the NRC staff on how to review an application for NRC regulatory approval in the form of licensing. Changes in internal staff guidance are not matters for which either nuclear power plant applicants or licensees are protected under either the Backfit Rule or the issue finality provisions of 10 CFR part 52.

2. The NRC Staff Has No Intention To Impose the SRP Positions on Existing Licensees Either Now or in the Future

The NRC staff does not intend to impose or apply the positions described in the SRP to existing licenses and regulatory approvals. Hence, the issuance of this SRP—even if

considered guidance within the purview of the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52—does not need to be evaluated as if it were a backfit or as being inconsistent with issue finality provisions. If, in the future, the NRC staff seeks to impose a position in the SRP on holders of already issued licenses in a manner that does not provide issue finality as described in the applicable issue finality provision, then the staff must make the showing as set forth in the Backfit Rule or address the criteria for avoiding issue finality as described in the applicable issue finality provision.

3. Backfitting and Issue Finality Do Not—With Limited Exceptions Not Applicable Here—Protect Current or Future Applicants

Applicants and potential applicants are not, with certain exceptions, protected by either the Backfit Rule or any issue finality provisions under 10 CFR part 52. Neither the Backfit Rule nor the issue finality provisions under 10 CFR part 52—with certain exclusions—were intended to apply to every NRC action that substantially changes the expectations of current and future applicants. The exceptions to the general principle are applicable whenever an applicant references a 10 CFR part 52 license (e.g., an early site permit) or NRC regulatory approval (e.g., a design certification rule) with specified issue finality provisions. The NRC staff does not, at this time, intend to impose the positions represented in the SRP in a manner that is inconsistent with any issue finality provisions. If, in the future, the staff seeks to impose a position in the SRP section in a manner that does not provide issue finality as described in the applicable issue finality provision, then the staff must address the criteria for avoiding issue finality as described in the applicable issue finality provision.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of May 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Joseph Colaccino,

Chief, New Reactor Rulemaking and Guidance Branch, Division of Advanced Reactors and Rulemaking, Office of New Reactors.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2015-0132]

Fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment Courses

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES), in cooperation with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), will hold joint courses on fire probabilistic risk assessment (PRA). Since 2002, RES and EPRI, under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Cooperative Nuclear Safety Research, have been developing state-of-the-art methods for conduct of fire PRA. In September 2005, this work produced the “EPRI/NRC-RES Fire PRA Methodology for Nuclear Power Facilities,” NUREG/CR-6850 (EPRI 1011989).

DATES: Five modules will be held between July 20, 2015, and September 28, 2015. See Section II, Public Workshop, of this document for more information.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0132 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0132. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kendra Hill, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research; U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-251-3300; email: Kendra.Hill@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The courses cover the state-of-the-art methodology presented in NUREG/CR-6850 (EPRI 1011989). Training will also include discussions relating the fire PRA portion of the ASME/ANS PRA Standard to the methodology of NUREG/CR-6850 (EPRI 1011989).

Five modules cover the major technical areas of the fire PRA methodology. This year each module will be offered only one time at either the NRC or EPRI offices. Participants may attend as many modules as they wish during the year.

II. Public Workshop

Module I PRA will be held September 28–October 2, 2015, at the EPRI Office, 1300 W. W.T. Harris Boulevard, Building 3-741 A&D, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262. Module II Electrical Analysis will be held August 24–28, 2015, at the NRC, Three White Flint North, 11601 Landsdown Street, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852. Module III Fire Analysis will be held July 20–24, 2015, at the NRC in North Bethesda, Maryland. Module IV HRA will be held September 28–October 2, 2015, at the EPRI office in Charlotte, North Carolina. Module V Advanced Fire Modeling will be held August 17–21, 2015, at the NRC in North Bethesda, Maryland.

To register for the courses use the following links:

Module I—PRA

EPRI/NRC-RES Fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment Training—Module I—Probabilistic Risk Assessment
September 28–October 2, 2015—EPRI Offices, Charlotte, NC

Module II—Electrical Analysis

EPRI/NRC-RES Fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment Training—Module II—Electrical Analysis
August 24–28, 2015—NRC Offices, North Bethesda, MD

Module III—Fire Analysis

EPRI/NRC-RES Fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment Training—Module III—Fire Analysis
July 20–24, 2015—NRC Offices, North