

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Experts' Meeting on High-Burnup Fuel Behavior Under Postulated Accident Conditions

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a meeting to further develop a Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table (PIRT) for a BWR accident. PIRTs have been used at NRC since 1988, and they provide a structured way to obtain a technical understanding that is needed to address certain issues. About twenty of the world's best technical experts are participating in this activity, and the experts represent a balance between industry, universities, foreign researchers, and regulatory organizations. The current PIRT activity is addressing a postulated BWR accident wherein power oscillations occur, the reactor fails to scram, and the oscillations then reach sufficient magnitude that fuel failure may occur before the emergency operating procedures are able to terminate the oscillations and shut the reactor down.

**DATES:** April 4-7, 2000, 8:30 am-5:30 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** Room T10A1 (TWFN) of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Ralph Meyer, SMSAB, Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6789.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting agenda will be posted on the NRC Web site at [www.nrc.gov/RES/meetings.html](http://www.nrc.gov/RES/meetings.html) by March 20, 2000. The meeting is open to the public. Attendees will need to obtain a visitor badge at the TWFN building lobby.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of March 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

(NUREG-1555 and NUREG-1555, Supplement 1)

### Updated Environmental Standard Review Plan: Availability

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has prepared an update to the Environmental Standard Review Plan for the review of environmental reports for nuclear power plants (ESRP). The draft version of this update of the ESRP was published in 1997. The updated ESRP is contained in two documents, NUREG-1555, "Environmental Standard Review Plan—Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants" and its companion document for operating license renewal environmental reviews, NUREG-1555, Supplement 1, "Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants—Supplement 1: Operating License Renewal." These documents replace the ESRP (NUREG-0555) originally issued in 1978.

**ADDRESSES:** The updated ESRP in printed paper, 3.5-inch disks and compact disks (CD) versions are available for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001, and can be found electronically at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NUREGS/indexnum.html> on the NRC Web site. Additionally, publically available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Luehman, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Mail Stop O-11F1, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-3150, or email [JGL@nrc.gov](mailto:JGL@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** on October 3, 1997 (62 FR 51915), the NRC made available

NUREG-1555, "Environmental Standard Review Plan—Standard Review Plan for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants (Draft Report for Comment)." As stated in that Notice of Availability, the comment period for the draft report expired January 30, 1998. The NRC received seven letters providing comments on the draft report. Three letters were received from nuclear industry groups, two letters were received from nuclear power reactor licensees, one letter was submitted by a law firm, another by a federal agency, and one by an individual. All of the comments received were considered and dispositioned. One comment received concluded that the requirements for operating license renewal review requirements were difficult to extract from the draft document which contained review requirements for new applications as well as review requirements for operating license renewals. In response to that comment, the final ESRP was divided and now consists of NUREG-1555 and NUREG-1555, Supplement 1, which is specifically devoted to operating license renewal issues.

In addition to updating the draft ESRP to reflect the comments received, the NRC has done some additional updating to reflect recent rulemaking affecting the environmental reviews required for operating license renewal. On September 3, 1999 (64 FR 48495), the NRC published a final rule expanding the generic findings about the environmental impacts due to transportation of spent fuel and nuclear waste to and from a single nuclear power plant. That amendment to Part 51 changed the transportation of spent fuel and nuclear waste from a Category 2 issue (an issue for which the licensee would have to perform a plant-specific analysis of the impacts) to a Category 1 issue (an issue for which the licensee could adopt a generic analysis performed by the NRC staff). The appropriate ESRP sections have been changed to reflect the rule change.

The updated ESRP is not a generic communication that proposes new NRC staff positions or seeks additional licensee commitments. It does not impose new or revised requirements but simply compiles and documents NRC and other Federal requirements, and NRC staff positions. The ESRP does not explicitly incorporate State, regional or Native American tribal agency requirements that may also need to be addressed by applicants or licensees.

Work activities related to updating the ESRP were performed substantially in conformance with the guidance in NUREG-1447, "Standard Review Plan