

ACRS business, including anticipated workload and member assignments.

*1:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)*—The Committee will discuss the responses from the EDO to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

*2:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)*—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

*Saturday, March 6, 2004, Conference Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland*

*8:30 a.m.–12 noon: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)*—The Committee will continue discussion of the proposed ACRS reports.

*12 noon–12:30 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)*—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 16, 2003 (68 FR 59644). In accordance with those procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Cognizant ACRS staff named below five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during the meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman.

Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Cognizant ACRS staff prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the Cognizant ACRS staff if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) Public Law 92–463, I have determined that it is necessary to close a portion of this meeting noted above to discuss and protect information classified as national security information as well as

unclassified safeguards information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and (3), and Westinghouse proprietary information per 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(c)(4).

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, as well as the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Cognizant ACRS staff (301–415–7364), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., et.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov), or by calling the PDR at 1–800–397–4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/> (ACRS & ACNW Mtg schedules/agendas).

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301–415–8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., ET, at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: February 13, 2004.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Notice of Availability of Model Application Concerning Technical Specification Improvement To Extend the Completion Times for Inoperable Containment Isolation Valves at Combustion Engineering Plants Using the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the staff of the Nuclear Regulatory

Commission (NRC) has prepared a model application relating to changes to the completion time in Standard Technical Specifications (STS) 3.6.3, "Containment Isolation Valves (Atmospheric and Dual)," for Combustion Engineering (CE) plants. The change to the Technical Specifications (TSs) would extend to 7 days the completion time to isolate the affected penetration flow path when selected containment isolation valves (CIVs) are inoperable in either a penetration flow path with two CIVs or in a penetration flow path with one CIV in a closed system. These changes are based on Revision 2 of Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) change traveler TSTF–373, "Increase CIV Completion Time in Accordance with CE–NPSD–1168," which has been approved for incorporation into the STS for CE plants (NUREG–1432). The purpose of this model is to permit the NRC to efficiently process amendments that propose to modify TSs to extend the completion time for CIVs. Licensees of nuclear power reactors to which the model applies may request amendments using the model application.

**DATES:** The NRC staff issued a **Federal Register** Notice (68 FR 64375, November 13, 2003) which provided a model safety evaluation (SE) and a model no significant hazards consideration (NSHC) determination relating to the extension of the completion time for TS actions related to inoperable CIVs at CE plants. The NRC staff hereby announces that the model SE and NSHC determination may be referenced in plant-specific applications to extend the CIV completion times as described in Revision 2 to TSTF–373. The staff has posted a model application on the NRC web site to assist licensees in using the consolidated line item improvement process (CLIIP) to request the subject TS change. The NRC staff can most efficiently consider applications based upon the model application if the application is submitted within a year of this **Federal Register** Notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Reckley, Mail Stop: O–7D1, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, telephone (301) 415–1323.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

Regulatory Issue Summary 2000–06, "Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process for Adopting Standard Technical Specifications Changes for Power Reactors," was issued on March

20, 2000. The CLIP is intended to improve the efficiency of NRC licensing processes. This is accomplished by processing proposed changes to the standard technical specifications (STS) in a manner that supports subsequent license amendment applications. The CLIP includes an opportunity for the public to comment on proposed changes to the STS following a preliminary assessment by the NRC staff and finding that the change will likely be offered for adoption by licensees. The CLIP directs the NRC staff to evaluate any comments received for a proposed change to the STS and to either reconsider the change or to proceed with announcing the availability of the change for proposed adoption by licensees. Those licensees opting to apply for the subject change to TSs are responsible for reviewing the staff's evaluation, referencing the applicable technical justifications, and providing any necessary plant-specific information. Each amendment application made in response to the notice of availability will be processed and noticed in accordance with applicable rules and NRC procedures.

This notice involves the extension of the completion time to isolate the affected penetration flow path when selected CIVs are inoperable in either a penetration flow path with two CIVs or in a penetration flow path with one CIV in a closed system. This change was proposed for incorporation into the STS by the CE Owners Group (CEOG) participants in the TSTF and is designated as Revision 2 to TSTF-373. TSTF-373 is supported by CE-NPSD-1168-A, "Joint Applications Report for Containment Isolation Valve AOT [Allowed Outage Time] Extension," dated January 2001, accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet (ADAMS Accession Number ML010780257) at the NRC Web site at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, (301) 415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

The CLIP does not prevent licensees from requesting an alternative approach or proposing the changes without the referencing the model SE and the NSHC. Variations from the approach recommended in this notice may, however, require additional review by the NRC staff and may increase the time and resources needed for the review.

### Applicability

This proposed change to revise the TS completion times for selected CIVs is applicable to CE pressurized water reactors.

### Public Notices

In a notice in the **Federal Register** dated November 13, 2003 (68 FR 64375), the NRC staff requested comment on the use of the CLIP to process requests to extend the completion time for selected inoperable CIVs at CE plants as described in Revision 2 to TSTF-373. TSTF-373, as well as the NRC staff's SE and model application, may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O-1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records are accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, (the Electronic Reading Room).

The NRC staff did not receive comments following the notice for comment about the use of the CLIP for licensees to adopt TSTF-373. As described in the model application prepared by the staff, licensees may reference in their plant-specific applications to adopt this change to TSs, the SE, NSHC determination, and environmental assessment previously published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 64375, November 13, 2003).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of February 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Robert A. Gramm,**

*Chief, Section 1, Project Directorate IV, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Draft 2004 Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** OMB requests comments on 2004 Draft Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulation. The full Draft Report is available at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/regpol-reports\\_congress.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/regpol-reports_congress.html), and is divided

into two chapters. Chapter I presents estimates of the costs and benefits of Federal regulation and paperwork, with an emphasis on the major regulations issued between October 1, 2002 and September 31, 2003. Chapter I also presents a discussion of the impact of regulation on State, local, and tribal governments, small businesses, wages, and economic growth. Chapter II reviews the economics literature on the impacts of regulation on manufacturing enterprises, and requests public nominations of regulatory reforms relevant to this sector. Chapter II also requests suggestions to simplify IRS paperwork requirements, which are particularly burdensome for small businesses.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration of comments as OMB prepares this Draft Report for submission to Congress, comments must be in writing and received by May 20, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** We are still experiencing delays in the regular mail, including first class and express mail. To ensure that your comments are received, we recommend that comments on this draft report be electronically mailed to [OIRA\\_BC\\_RPT@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_BC_RPT@omb.eop.gov), or faxed to (202) 395-7245. You may also submit comments to Lorraine Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Room 10202, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. For Further Information, contact: Lorraine Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Room 10202, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Telephone: (202) 395-3084.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Congress directed the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to prepare an annual Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations. Specifically, Section 624 of the FY 2001 Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, also known as the "Regulatory Right-to-Know Act," (the Act) requires OMB to submit a report on the costs and benefits of Federal regulations together with recommendation for reform. The Act states that the report should contain estimates of the costs and benefits of regulations in the aggregate, by agency and agency program, and by major rule, as well as an analysis of impacts of Federal regulation on State, local, and tribal governments, small businesses, wages, and economic growth. The Act also states that the report should go