The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. It is imperative that this meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will need to show a valid picture identification such as a driver’s license to enter the NASA Ames Conference Center and must state that they are attending the NASA Advisory Council Information Technology Infrastructure Committee meeting in the Ballroom. All non-U.S. citizens must fax a copy of their passport, and print or type their name, current address, citizenship, company affiliation (if applicable) to include address, telephone number, and their title, place of birth, date of birth, U.S. visa information to include type, number and expiration date, U.S. Social Security Number (if applicable), and place of entry into the U.S., to Ms. Tereda J. Frazier, Executive Secretary, Information Technology Infrastructure Committee, NASA Advisory Council, at e-mail tereda.j.frazier@nasa.gov or by telephone at (202) 358–2595 by no later than September 20, 2010. To expedite admittance, attendees with U.S. citizenship can provide identifying information 3 working days in advance by contacting Ms. Tereda J. Frazier via e-mail at tereda.j.frazier@nasa.gov or by telephone at 202–358–2595. Persons with disabilities who require assistance should indicate this.

September 13, 2010.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 13th day of September, 2010. For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Director Division of Policy and Rulemaking, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Revised Draft Safety Culture Policy Statement: Request for Comments

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Issuance of revised Draft Safety Culture Policy Statement and notice of opportunity for public comment.

DATES: Comments are requested 30 days from the date of this Federal Register Notice. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is only able to assure consideration of comments received on or before this date. Please refer to the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for additional information including specific questions for which the NRC is requesting comment.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include Docket ID NRC–2010–0282 in the subject line of your comments. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC Web site and on the Federal rulemaking Web site www.Regulations.gov. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed. Additionally, the NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria E. Schwartz or Catherine Thompson at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Enforcement, Mail Stop O–4 A15A, Washington, DC 20555–0001 or by e-mail or telephone to Maria.Schwartz@nrc.gov, (301) 415–1888, or Catherine.Thompson@nrc.gov, (301) 415–3409.

SUMMARY: On November 6, 2009, the NRC published a draft policy statement, “Safety Culture Policy Statement,” in the Federal Register (FRN) (74 FR 57525; NRC ADAMS Accession Number ML103030375). The Statement of Policy (SOP) contained in the FRN focuses on the interface of nuclear safety and security in a positive safety culture, and highlights the Commission’s expectation that all licensees and certificate holders establish and maintain a positive safety culture that protects public health and safety and the common defense and security when carrying out licensed activities. The FRN requested that interested persons provide comments within 90 days of its publication. On January 12, 2010, the comment period was extended to March 1, 2010 (75 FR 1656; ML100050288). As part of its outreach activities, the NRC held a Safety Culture Workshop in February 2010 that provided a venue for interested parties to provide comments on the draft safety culture policy statement. The additional goal of the workshop was for panelists representing a broad range of stakeholders to reach alignment on a common definition of safety culture and a high-level set of traits that describe areas important to a positive safety culture. The workshop panelists, with the assistance of the other workshop participants, developed both. Following the February workshop, the staff evaluated the public comments that were submitted in response to the November 2009 FRN. Additionally, the staff participated on panels and made presentations at various industry forums in order to provide information to stakeholders about the development of the safety culture policy statement and/or to obtain additional input and to ascertain whether the draft definition and traits developed at the workshop accurately reflect a broad range of stakeholders’ views.

In its ongoing effort to continue this dialogue with stakeholders, the NRC is publishing this FRN containing the revised draft SOP for a 30-day public comment period. The revised draft SOP, including the revised definition and traits, is based on careful consideration of the Commission guidance in the October 2009 Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) for SECY–09–0075 (ML092920099), the NRC staff’s evaluation of the public comments received on the November 2009 FRN, the revised definition and traits developed at the February 2010 workshop, and the outreach efforts the NRC staff has engaged in since February 2010.

The information contained in this FRN will be used to focus discussions at a public meeting the NRC is holding on September 28, 2010, at its Las Vegas, Nevada, hearing facility. Both this FRN and the September meeting are intended to provide additional opportunities for stakeholders to provide comments on the revised draft SOP, including the revised draft definition and traits.

I. Background

Previous Policy Statements

While the NRC has increased its attention on the importance of a positive safety culture, the agency has long recognized the importance of a work environment with a safety-first focus. In 1989, in response to an incident involving operators sleeping in the control room, the NRC issued a policy statement on the conduct of operations which describes the NRC’s expectation that licensees place appropriate emphasis on safety in the operations of nuclear power plants. The “Policy Statement on the Conduct of Nuclear Power Plant Operations” (54 FR 3424; January 24, 1989) states the Commission’s expectations of utility management and licensed operators with respect to the conduct of operations, noting that it applies to all individuals engaged in any activity which has a bearing on the safety of nuclear power plants. The Commission issued the policy statement to help foster the development and maintenance of a positive safety culture at these facilities.