

NRC INSPECTION MANUAL

PART 9900: TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

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STANDARD TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

SECTION 6.9.1.7, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS - REPORTABLE OCCURRENCES

A. PURPOSE

To provide guidance to the inspector regarding the applicability of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.16 to the reportable occurrences delineated in Section 6.9.1.7 of the Standard Technical Specifications (STS) and other facility TS.

B. DISCUSSION

During late 1977, NRR required licensees to adopt more uniform requirements for the prompt and thirty (30) day reporting of licensee events which are of interest to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Prior to this time most licensees had TS that contained words that were taken nearly verbatim from certain sections of RG 1.16 while other licensees had TS which contained a commitment to report in accordance with RG 1.16. The late 1977 TS revision contains reporting requirements consistent with RG 1.16; however, they do not include the numerous notes and examples of reporting requirements which were intended as illustrative information.

It is noted that omission from the TS of the notes and examples delineated in RG 1.16 could lead to possible differences in interpretation as to what events are to be reported to the NRC. The revised sections of facility TS relating to reportable occurrences (sections 6.9.1.7, 6.9.1.8 and 6.9.1.9) are to be applied consistent with the intent of RG 1.16, Revision 4, including the illustration notes and examples. This assumes that the TS language is close to or a verbatim copy of the language in sections C.2.a and b. of RG 1.16, Revision 4.

C. REFERENCES

This interpretation was discussed in the following:

1. Memorandum, K. R. Goller to J. H. Sniezek, dated December 12, 1977.

2. Memorandum, F. J. Nolan to Regional Branch Chiefs, dated December 19, 1977.

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