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**TIMELINE FOR COMMISSION PAPER ON  
HIGH-LEVEL GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMANCE-BASED ACTIVITIES**

1	Federal Register Notice published with proposed high-level guidelines for performance-based activities, and announcing a public meeting on March 1, 2000. Public comment period ends on March 24, 2000.	January 24, 2000
2	Publish agenda for public meeting on March 1.	February 17, 2000
3	Participate in public meetings on risk-informing 10 CFR Part 50 (Options 2 & 3) on respectively, February 23 & February 24, 2000 by including discussion of proposed high-level guidelines.	February 23, 2000 & February 24, 2000
4	Hold public meeting and include discussion of questions in FRN of January 24, 2000.	March 1, 2000
5	Summarize public input on high-level guidelines.	March 31, 2000
6	Publish FRN on public workshop to be held June 1, 2000 with comment period ending June 17, 2000.	April 17, 2000
7	Complete first draft of Commission paper based on available stakeholder input.	May 15, 2000
8	Hold workshop to obtain stakeholder input on application of high-level guidelines.	June 1, 2000
9	Update draft Commission paper based on additional stakeholder input and obtain sufficient reviews for providing to ACRS/ACNW.	June 19, 2000
10	Meet with ACRS.	July 12, 2000
11	Meet with ACNW.	July 18, 2000
12	Initiate parallel concurrence of final draft of Commission paper based on ACRS/ACNW inputs.	July 27, 2000
13	Commission paper to RES Director.	August 10, 2000
14	Commission paper to EDO.	August 15, 2000
15	Commission paper issued to SECY.	August 21, 2000