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NRC REGULATORY REVIEW GROUP ISSUES REACTOR REPORT; SETS PUBLIC MEETING FOR JUNE 15

A Regulatory Review Group of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a detailed report that recommends which existing power reactor requirements, regulatory guidance and licensing processes should be eliminated, revised or further evaluated.

The review group has scheduled a public meeting for June 15 in Rockville, MD, to answer questions and receive comments on the report. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. in Room 1F7/9 at NRC headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike.

The review group was established in January 1993 to conduct a comprehensive examination of regulations, guidance and inspection processes used in the regulation of power reactors, with public health and safety as a paramount consideration.

The findings of the review group also contain recommendations on how and under what limitations risk assessment could be used in regulating power reactors.

The overall intent of the review group was to identify where increased flexibility, in a regulatory context, could be made available to licensees with little or no direct impact on the safe operation of power reactors. The group believes safety would be enhanced by eliminating irrelevant items, allowing management to focus on problems relevant to safety.

Copies of the report are available for inspection and/or copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Comments on the report should be received by June 29. They should be addressed to Frank Gillespie, Regulatory Review Group, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.