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NRC REGULATORY REVIEW GROUP ISSUES FINAL POWER REACTOR REPORT

A Regulatory Review Group of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a final report of its comprehensive reexamination of power reactor regulations, guidance and inspection processes used in the regulation of power reactors.

The review group's recommendations, including a major rulemaking proposal, will be considered by the Commission over the next several months. The proposed rulemaking would allow licensees to make changes, without prior NRC approval, to their quality assurance program, emergency, security and fire protection plans that do not reduce the program or plan's content below that needed to implement prescribed NRC requirements.

The report of the review group, established in February 1993, is organized into five parts. Volume One contains a summary, findings and recommendations, an analysis of comments, inspection program review results and a summary of public comments.

Volume Two of the report contains details of the review group's analysis of regulations, guidance documents, comments and the NRC's rulemaking process.

Volume Three covers details of the review group's analysis of four representative licenses, with recommendations where immediate action could yield tangible results.

Volume Four deals with the integration of risk analysis techniques into the regulatory process and Volume Five contains public comments on the review group's report.

Copies of the review group's report will be available for inspection and/or copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C.