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NRC STAFF PROPOSES NEW PLAN FOR EVALUATING FOREIGN OWNERSHIP, CONTROL OR DOMINATION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT LICENSE APPLICANTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is seeking comment on a new plan to be used in evaluating foreign ownership, domination or control of applicants for commercial nuclear power plant licenses.

It is to be utilized, effective immediately, in reviewing license transfer applications, some involving foreign interests, brought about by electric industry deregulation. The document, known as a standard review plan, outlines the steps the NRC will take and the types of information it will need in reviewing such applications.

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954 precludes the issuance of a reactor license to any company owned, controlled or dominated by an alien, a foreign corporation, or foreign government. Existing regulations require corporations to disclose where they are incorporated and do business; the citizenship of their directors and principal officers; and the extent, if any, of foreign ownership, control, or domination. The plan provides guidance for gathering additional information, if necessary, from an applicant regarding foreign influence and describes how assurances about these issues are to be obtained from a prospective licensee.

Although the NRC staff plans to begin using the new standard review plan immediately, a draft copy will be published shortly in the *Federal Register* for public comment. A final plan will be developed after the comments are analyzed.

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