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May 9, 2000

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Technical Specification Task Force Meeting
May 9, 2000

Staff met with the Nuclear Energy Institute Technical Specification Task Force (NEI TSTF) on May 9, 2000.

The TSTF and staff discussed the status of pending high priority TSTFs as described below. Attachment 1 was the pre-meeting status provided by the TSTF and Attachment 2 was the pre-meeting status provided by the staff.

016 R.2: The TSTF will submit Revision 3 for staff review in the near future pending staff feedback.

207 R.4: The TSTF will submit Revision 4 for staff review in the near future.

306 R.1: The TSTF submitted Revision 1 on March 13, 2000, for staff review.

330 R.0: The TSTF completed a survey of the plants to determine the need for a revised Tech Spec approach for dealing with degraded and inoperable Ultimate Heat Sinks. Briefly the results are that 22 of 86 plants experienced challenges to their UHS in the past year, and 11 of those plants had little or no margin available, particularly with having to assume a single UHS failure upon demand. The TSTF still has to canvas the plants to determine if the proposed moving averaging method for determining degraded and operability conditions is suitable for the plants that have experienced difficulty. Depending upon the results of the final survey, the TSTF will propose a revision to TSTF 330.

332 R.0: The Staff and the TSTF have agreed to an approach and are preparing a resolution for Revision 1.

334 R.0: The TSTF will confer with GE on the generic applicability of this change, and on the possible need for a Reviewer's Note to accompany the change.

342 R.1: The TSTF submitted Revision 1 on March 13, 2000, and will submit Revision 2 for staff review in the near future.

343 R.0: Staff comments have been provided to the TSTF and the TSTF will submit Revision 1 for staff review in the near future.

349 R.0: Staff comments have been provided to the TSTF in attachment 3 and the TSTF will submit Revision 1 for staff review in the near future.

360 R.0: Staff is reviewing the latest TSTF justifications/submittals.

361 R.0: Staff comments have been provided to the TSTF in attachment 4 and the TSTF will submit Revision 1 for staff review in the near future.

Other Topics Discussed:

The staff and the TSTF also discussed potential changes to previously approved TSTF-9 with respect to the use of a COLR for the BWR SDM specifications. The Staff is reviewing the adequacy of approved BWR SDM methodologies for use in a COLR.

The Staff and the TSTF discussed and agreed to some proposed editorial changes to approved TSTF-242R.1, -273R.2, -297R.1, and -322R.2. The proposed editorial changes to TSTF-338 were considered and rejected.

The TSTF could not reach an industry consensus on the need to add some form of clarification to the Technical Specifications regarding supported system operability when removing snubbers from service for surveillance testing, to avoid unnecessary entry into TS required actions. An NRC Staff and TSTF task force will be convened to address and propose solutions to this issue.

The production status of Revision 2 to the STS NUREGs was discussed. The TSTF is interested in having all eight proposed travelers listed in Attachment 1 approved and incorporated into STS Rev 2.

The Staff raised concerns about TSTF-225 and -226, related to refueling specifications, and provided attachment 5 to the TSTF. The Staff will prepare a draft SE on Perry's proposed adoption of TSTF-225, and use it as the vehicle to convey their technical concerns to both Perry and the TSTF.

The Consolidated Line Item Improvement Program (CLIP) process will be applied to Post Accident Sampling System (PASS) proposed changes, related to approved WOG and COEG topicals. A discussion of this raised issues including some related to the timing of submittals and approvals for adopting a CLIP approved change.

Participants agreed to conduct a status conference call on May 19, 2000. The next meeting date will be set during this conference call.