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**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT INFORMATION: TECHNICAL CONFERENCING FORUM -
AVAILABILITY OF DECOMMISSIONING STANDARD REVIEW PLAN (STP-00-043)**

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We are announcing the availability of a Standard Review Plan (SRP) to be used by staff in evaluating information submitted by licensees to support the decommissioning of nuclear facilities. When completed in July 2000, the SRP will supersede Regulatory Guide 3.65 and 3.66, NUREG-1337, and applicable portions of the Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 2605 and the Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Decommissioning Handbook. Staff will update the IMC 2605 and the Decommissioning Handbook to reflect the SRP's procedures and criteria.

In August 1998, NRC published Draft Regulatory Guide DG-4006, "Demonstrating Compliance with the Radiological Criteria for License Termination." In late 1999 staff recognized that similar guidance was being presented in the SRP and decided to combine the guidance in DG-4006 with the guidance in the SRP. Staff does not plan to publish a final version of the guide, since the information in DG-4006 has been incorporated into the SRP. Comments submitted on DG-4006 will be addressed in the SRP.

Staff held workshops in December 1998, January, March, June, August 1999, and February 2000, on dose modeling, surveys, demonstrating the as low as reasonably accepted concept, the restricted use/alternate criteria, and to obtain stakeholder input. An additional workshop is being held on June 7 - 8, 2000, to discuss specific issues associated with dose modeling. Any comments or concerns submitted before June 8, 2000 will be addressed in this version of the SRP. Comments received after June 8 will be considered in the next revision.

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