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NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2000-20
IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRY PROVIDING NRC ADVANCE
NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURSUE LICENSE RENEWAL

ADDRESSEES

All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.

INTENT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this regulatory issue summary (RIS) to inform addressees about the importance of providing the NRC with advance notice of their plans for license renewal so that the NRC staff can better plan and budget for the processing of renewal applications. This RIS does not transmit or imply any new or changed requirements or staff positions. The submission of advance notice of addressee plans in this area is strictly voluntary; therefore, no specific action or written response is required.

BACKGROUND

In recent years, the NRC has undertaken a series of initiatives to improve the Commission's planning process. Beginning with the NRC Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining initiative in 1995, the NRC has implemented an integrated planning, budgeting, and performance management process to ensure that the business principles of goal setting, strategy development, resource assessment, and performance measurement support NRC activities. These initiatives meet the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993. Among other things, the integrated process results in an agency budget and resource allocation process that is strongly tied to selected performance goals. To ensure that certain performance goals and resulting resource allocations are as accurate as possible, the NRC periodically assesses whether the information and assumptions used in the budget development process are up-to-date.

In the NRC's yearly preparation of its budget plans, one element in the budgeting process with significant resource implications is the number of license renewal applications expected to be received. As set forth below, voluntary submission of licensee plans regarding license renewal would assist the NRC in its budgeting and planning processes.

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SUMMARY OF ISSUE

To improve the accuracy of the resource forecasts, the NRC is asking that all power reactor licensees provide advance notice if they intend to pursue license renewal, including the anticipated schedule for filing renewal applications. In addition, licensees are encouraged to notify the NRC of changes in previously announced schedules for filing such applications. The NRC will use the renewal application filing schedule information in the planning and budgeting of agency resources. Because of the resource implications associated with each application, the NRC will budget its resources on the basis of known applications. Applications received for which the NRC has not received advance notice will be assessed using the integrated planning, budgeting, and performance management process and scheduled to the extent practical on a case-by-case basis.

If a licensee determines that license renewal application schedule information is proprietary in nature because it represents confidential financial or commercial information, the licensee may submit the information along with an affidavit pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b) to have the information withheld from public disclosure. The affidavit should contain the basis for withholding the information from public disclosure.

Guidance on this subject is provided in Management Directive (MD) 3.1, "Freedom of Information Act"; MD 3.4, "Release of Information to the Public"; and MD 12.6, "NRC Sensitive Unclassified Information Security Program." The most applicable provision relating to information withheld from public disclosure is contained in the Handbook attached to MD 3.4, specifically, Section (A)(4) of Part IV, "Information Not Routinely Released to the Public," which refers to "other confidential financial or commercial information (i.e., proprietary information) (10CFR 2.790(a)(4))."

VOLUNTARY RESPONSE

Addressees that choose to provide advance notice of intent to pursue license renewal or to notify the NRC of changes in previously announced schedules for filing license renewal applications in accordance with the guidance contained in this RIS should direct their responses to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

BACKFIT DISCUSSION

This RIS requires no action or written response. Any action on the part of addressees to provide advance notice of intent to pursue license renewal or to notify the NRC of changes in previously announced schedules for filing applications in accordance with the guidance contained in this RIS, for the purpose of aiding the NRC in planning the use of its resources, is strictly voluntary. Therefore, this is not a backfit under 10 CFR 50.109, and the staff did not perform a backfit analysis.

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTIFICATION

A notice of opportunity for public comment on this RIS was not published in the *Federal Register* because it pertains to an administrative aspect of the regulatory process that involves the voluntary submission of information on the part of addressees.

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Regulatory Issue Summary No.	Subject	Date of Issuance	Issued to
2000-22	Issues Stemming from NRC Staff Review of Recent Difficulties Experienced in Maintaining Steam Generator Tube Integrity	11/03/00	All holders of OIs for pressurized-water reactors (PWRs), except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel have been permanently removed from the reactor vessel
2000-21	Changes to the Unplanned Scram and Unplanned Scram With Loss of Normal Heat Removal Performance Indicators	10/31/00	All holders of OIs for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel
2000-20	Advance Notice of Intent to Pursue License Renewal	11/14/00	All holders of OIs for nuclear power reactors, except those licensees who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel
2000-19	Partial Release of Reactor Site for Unrestricted Use Before NRC Approval of the License Termination Plan	10/24/00	All holders of OIs for nuclear power reactors, including those licensees who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel