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Technical Specification Task Force Meeting Summary

Staff met with the Nuclear Energy Institute Technical Specification Task Force (NEI TSTF) on October 9, 2001. Enclosure 2 lists the meeting attendees. Enclosure 3 is the meeting agenda. The agenda was revised at the meeting by reversing the order of the first three discussion topics; NRC Resources and Priorities was discussed first, followed by STS Purpose and TSTF Status.

Bill Beckner noted that the NRC Technical Specifications Branch (RTSB) staffing level would remain as it is currently, through the next year. This means that RTSB would continue to be hard pressed to do all that industry would like it to do and that an integrated priority list is essential for the efficient and effective use of resources. It was noted that NEI has included the Risk Informed Technical Specification TSTFs in their priority list of work (enclosure 4).

The Standard Technical Specifications (STS) NUREGs would continue to be a template and "road map" for plants converting their Technical Specifications (TS) to the STS. It was remarked that even those plants that do not adopt the STS utilize them as guidance for appropriate action, and therefore where there are errors in the STS they should be corrected to avoid misunderstandings. However, in the post STS Revision 2 era, Bill Beckner stated that a threshold for TSTF approval should be that a significant number of plants would actually adopt the proposed change; for example 50%, or greater, of the applicable plants. This would not preclude Topical Reports from including STS markups. Frequently the STS changes associated with an approved Topical Report would apply to a majority of an owners group's plants, particularly since the OG would be involved in the funding of the Topical Report which would require agreement among the plants to spend the requisite funds. Tom Silko felt that there ought to be a cost-benefit threshold for TSTF approval. Bill Beckner suggested three considerations before proposing a TSTF: (1) does it meet criteria for changing the STS; (2) does it meet a requisite level of priority; and, (3) is it "CLIIPable"? In addition, it was noted, as a reason for continuing the TSTF change process, that a benefit of the TSTF process was the resulting coordination between OGs and the resulting consistency in plants' TS.

The specific TSTFs where discussed. The noteworthy developments are:

- TSTF-358 R.6, on missed surveillances, was recently approved; it is Initiative 2 of the Risk Informed Technical Specifications process. It is the first TSTF approved since STS Revision 2 was approved; it is publically available. The NEI TSTF will provide comments on the TSB process for maintaining the electronic data base files.
- The BWR refueling TSTFs, TSTF-225 R.2, TSTF-226 R.0 and TSTF-232 R.0, are on hold until the BWROG meets with SRXB to address their overall integrated safety concerns. TSTF-225 will be approved once it addresses only those changes approved for the Perry plant.

The proposed 10 CFR 50.44 rule change on combustible gas control may involve a staff proposed TS change (a "TSB"), that will appear with the Federal Register Notice (FRN) requesting public comment. Industry can provide comments and a proposed TSTF in response to the FRN.

The NEI TSTF will prepare an updated draft STS Writer's Guide and present it to the staff for comment and endorsement.

The identification in the TS Bases of RG 1.177 Tier 2 configuration limitations, as they affect entry into TS Conditions, was discussed. No conclusion was reached on the necessity of Bases entries for these situations.

It was agreed that the TSTF format should be made consistent with the LATF format.

The NEI TSTF requested clarification on a possible Unit Staff Qualifications Specification 5.3.1 update required by RIS 2001-01, on "Eligibility of Operator License Applicants." TSB will research and provide clarification.

There was no substantial change in the status of work hour limits, control room habitability, nor the Steam Generator TS future updates.

A date was not set for the next meeting.

NRC/TSTF OWNER'S GROUP MEETING
ATTENDEES LIST
OCTOBER 9, 2001

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AGENDA
TSB/NEI TSTF Meeting

October 9, 2001
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Room 0-5 B4

- **TSTF Status**
- **STS Purpose**
 - What is Generic?
 - Goals & Success Criteria for TSTF's
- **NRC Resources and Priorities**
 - Integration with Industry Resources and Priorities
- **TSTF and CLIP Processes**
 - 50.44 TSB
 - Writer's Guide
 - Identification of RG 1.177 Tier 2 Limitations
 - TSTF format
- **Other Issues**
 - LIC-500, "Process Requests for Review of Topical Reports (Section 4.2.3)
 - RIS 2001-01 – Unit Staff Qualifications – TS 5.3.1 changes
 - Change to Fatigue and Work Hour Limits
 - Control Room Habitability
 - SG TS Update

Enclosure 3

ITS REVISION 2
Active TSTF Travelers Overview Report

TSTF Number	Originator	Description	Marked on Revision 2 Pages?	Has SE Quality Justification?	CLIP Candidate?	Status
Priority: 1)High						
TSTF-225, R. 2	BWROG	Fuel movement with inoperable refueling equipment interlocks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-358, R. 6	CEOG	Missed Surveillance Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-359, R. 6	CEOG	Increase Flexibility in MODE Restraints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under TSTF Consideration
TSTF-373, R. 0	CEOG	Increase CIV Completion Time from 4 Hours to 7 Days	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NRC Requests Changes: TSTF Considering
TSTF-411, R. 0	WOG	Surveillance Test Interval Extensions for Components of the Reactor Protection System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-413, R. 0	BWROG	Elimination of Requirements for a Post Accident Sampling System (PASS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-417, R. 0	WOG	AC Electrical Power System Completion Times (WCAP-15622)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-418, R. 0	WOG	RPS and ESFAS Test Times and Completion Times (WCAP-14333)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration

Count: 8

Priority: 2)Medium

TSTF-226, R. 0	BWROG	Fuel loading with control rods withdrawn or removed from defueled core cells	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-244, R. 0	WOG	Correct invalid SR for Containment Isolation Valve Position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration

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Active TSTF Travelers Overview Report

TSTF Number	Originator	Description	Marked on Revision 2 Pages?	Has SE Quality Justification?	CLIP Candidate?	Status
TSTF-260, R. 0	BWOG	Eliminate monthly position verification for automatic valves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-294, R. 0	BWOG	Modify the Note for the Rod Drop Time SR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NRC Requests Changes: TSTF Considering
TSTF-310, R. 0	WOG	Changes to Table 3.3.1-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-313, R. 1	WOG	Eliminate Requirement for DG Start from "Standby Conditions"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under TSTF Consideration
TSTF-320, R. 0	BWROG	RPS Electric Power Monitoring Modes of Applicability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reviewer Recommends Changes
TSTF-333, R. 1	BWROG	Allowed performance time for testing Diesel Generators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NRC Rejects: TSTF Considering
TSTF-347, R. 0	WOG	P-7 Surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-369, R. 0	BWROG	Deletion of TS 5.6.4, Monthly Operating Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-370, R. 0	WOG	Increase accumulator Completion Time from 1 hour to 24 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-371, R. 0	WOG	NIS Power Range Channel Daily SR TS Change to Address Low Power Decalibration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-372, R. 1	WOG	Addition of LCO 3.0.8, Inoperability of Snubbers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under TSTF Consideration
TSTF-374, R. 0	WOG	Revision to TS 5.5.13 and associated TS Bases for Diesel Fuel Oil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-403, R. 0	BWROG	LCO 3.6.2.5 and 3.6.3.3 Applicability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-404, R. 0	BWROG	SDV Actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration

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Active TSTF Travelers Overview Report

TSTF Number	Originator	Description	Marked on Revision 2 Pages?	Has SE Quality Justification?	CLIP Candidate?	Status
TSTF-406, R. 0	CEOG	Predicting end-of-cycle MTC and deleting need for end-of-cycle MTC verification in all cases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-407, R. 0	CEOG	Extending ESFAS Subgroup Relay Test Intervals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-408, R. 0	CEOG	Relocation of LTOP Enable Temperature and PORV Lift Setting to the PTLR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-409, R. 0	CEOG	Containment Spray System Completion Time Extension	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-412, R. 0	WOG	Provide Actions for One Steam Supply to Turbine Driven AFW/EFW Pump Inoperable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-415, R. 0	BWROG	Six Hour Test Allowance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
Count: 22						
Priority: 3)Low						
TSTF-41, R. 0	BWOG	Correct BWOG LCO 3.0.7 to refer to Special Exception LCOs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-232, R. 0	BWROG	Refuel Equipment Interlocks Applicability Change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-254, R. 1	BWOG	Extend Frequency of accumulated water checks for DG fuel oil.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-296, R. 0	BWROG	Revise LCO 3.10.5, Single CRD Removal - Refueling, to require a withdrawal block for all other rods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-337, R. 0	WOG	Revise LCO 3.5.5 for RCP seal injection flow resistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NRC Requests Changes: TSTF Considering

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TSTF Number	Originator	Description	Marked on Revision 2 Pages?	Has SE Quality Justification?	CLIP Candidate?	Status
TSTF-343, R. 0	BWOG	Containment Structural Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reviewer Recommends Changes
TSTF-344, R. 0	BWOG	3.1.8 and 3.1.9 SR Frequency Change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-345, R. 0	BWOG	Add new Condition C for 3.2.1 Actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-410, R. 0	CEOG	Relocation of Steam Generator Level - High Trip to the TRM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-416, R. 0	BWROG	SR 3.5.1.2 Notation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-419, R. 0	WOG	Revise PTLR Definition and References in ISTS 5.6.6, RCS PTLR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
Count: 11						
Priority: Edit/Bases						
TSTF-262, R. 1	BWOG	3.4.6, 3.4.7, and 3.4.8: Allow DHR/RHR/SDC pumps to be aligned for LPI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NRC Requests Changes: TSTF Considering
TSTF-354, R. 0	BWROG	Operability of Turbine Stop Valve and Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure Bypass Trip Functions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-400, R. 0	BWROG	Clarify SR on Bypass of DG Automatic Trips	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-401, R. 0	WOG	Revise Incorrect Bases for Containment Air Temperature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-402, R. 0	CEOG	Clarification of "Required Features" in 3.8.1 Actions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration
TSTF-405, R. 0	BWROG	Remove Bases Reference to Hydrotest Requirement to Gag SRVs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration

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TSTF-414, R. 0	BWROG	Thermal Hydraulic Stability Technical Specifications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under NRC Consideration

Count: 7

Total Number of Travelers and Revisions: 48