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Status of NEI 97-06 Implementation
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- Effort is to reach agreement on an industry voluntary SG TS change request supporting implementation of NEI 97-06 “Steam Generator Program Guidelines” (adopted by industry) and to get agreement on revisions to NEI 97-06 (i.e., Rev 1)
- Industry and Staff need to reach agreement on remaining open technical and regulatory implementation issues to support NEI submittal of generic SG TS change request
- Currently NEI anticipates making generic SG TS submittal in mid September 1999 (original schedule was early July 1999)

- Schedular delay results in part from difficulty in reaching agreement on technical and regulatory implementation issues and in part from difficulty in addressing/resolving industry comments
- However—if agreement is reached then staff review should be straight-forward including ACRS and CRGR reviews
- Staff's schedule was to have completed SER on generic submittal by the end of 1999 assuming July submittal date
- Staff and industry have reached agreement on the majority of issues identified in NEI's December 1998 letter -- significant progress has been made in 1999

- Major remaining open technical and regulatory implementation issues are:
 - Definition of operability
 - Control on changes to performance criteria
 - Reporting Criteria
 - Incorporate reference to NEI 97-06 into SG TS
- Staff is working to fit new SG approach into revised oversight process (i.e., barrier integrity)
- Industry management anticipates difficulty getting industry adoption (80%) of generic SG TS

- Industry has suggested that staff develop generic SERs (“first time approvals”) for laser welded and TIG welded sleeves as part of generic SER (selling point)
- Telecon with NEI on July 9 to further discuss open issues
- DG-1074—comment period ended—staff intends to address comments and finalize SG Tube Integrity RG