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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 93-24: DISTRIBUTION OF REVISION 7 OF NUREG-1021,  
"OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINER STANDARDS"

Addressees

All holders of operator and senior operator licenses at nuclear power reactors.

Purpose

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this information notice to inform all holders of operator and senior operator licenses at nuclear power reactors that the NRC issued Revision 7 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards." Revision 7 of NUREG-1021 contains changes to the processes for licensing operators and conducting NRC initial licensing and requalification examinations. It is expected that recipients will review the information for applicability and consider actions, as appropriate, to their licensed activities. However, suggestions contained in this information notice are not NRC requirements; therefore, no specific action or written response is required.

Discussion

In 1991, the staff proposed to evaluate a crew-based grading method for dynamic simulator tests that would reduce examination stress, encourage operator teamwork, and minimize the regulatory impact of NRC requalification examinations on facility licensees and licensed operators. With the concurrence of the Commission, the staff wrote a crew-based simulator test procedure and, in 1992, tested the procedure in a pilot program by examining over 100 licensed operators at 6 facilities. After completing the pilot program, the staff incorporated the crew-based simulator test procedure into a draft Revision 7 of NUREG-1021.

In July 1992, the staff sent copies of the draft revision of NUREG-1021 to the Professional Reactor Operator Society (PROS) and the Nuclear Management and Resources Council (NUMARC) for comment, and placed a copy in the NRC Public Document Room. NUMARC distributed the draft NUREG-1021 to facility licensees and sponsored a meeting at which the NRC staff discussed the draft revision with industry representatives. NUMARC consolidated the facility comments and forwarded them to the NRC. The PROS organization also forwarded comments on the draft revision to the NRC. The staff evaluated the comments and made appropriate changes to the draft revision. In January 1993, the staff sent Revision 7 of NUREG-1021 to all holders of operating licenses or construction permits. A copy is also available in the NRC Public Document Room.

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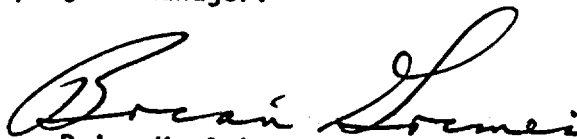
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In February 1993, the NRC published in the Federal Register a notice informing the public of the revision. As indicated in the Federal Register notice, the NRC will use Revision 7 of NUREG-1021 for all initial and requalification examinations scheduled to be conducted after August 9, 1993.

This information notice requires no specific action or written response. If you have any questions about the information in this notice, please contact one of the technical contacts listed below or the appropriate Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) project manager.



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93-22	Tripping of Klockner-Moeller Molded-Case Circuit Breakers due to Support Level Failure	03/26/93	All holders of OLs or CPs for nuclear power reactors.
93-21	Summary of NRC Staff Observations Compiled during Engineering Audits or Inspections of Licensee Erosion/Corrosion Programs	03/25/93	All holders of OLs or CPs for light water nuclear power reactors.
93-20	Thermal Fatigue Cracking of Feedwater Piping to Steam Generators	03/24/93	All holders of OLs or CPs for PWRs supplied by Westinghouse or Combustion Engineering.
93-19	Slab Hopper Bulging	03/17/92	All nuclear fuel cycle licensees.
93-18	Portable Moisture-Density Gauge User Responsibilities during Field Operations	03/10/93	All U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensees that possess moisture-density gauges.
93-17	Safety Systems Response to Loss of Coolant and Loss of Offsite Power	03/08/93	All holders of OLs or CPs for nuclear power reactors.
93-16	Failures of Nut-Locking Devices in Check Valves	02/19/93	All holders of OLs or CPs for nuclear power reactors.
93-15	Failure to Verify the Continuity of Shunt Trip Attachment Contacts in Manual Safety Injection and Reactor Trip Switches	02/18/93	All holders of OLs or CPs for nuclear power reactors.

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The staff issued Revision 7 of NUREG-1021 to all holders of operating licenses or construction permits. Copies of the revision should be available through facility training departments. Copies of the revision are also available in the NRC Public Document Room. Attachment 1 of this notice is a summary of the significant changes in Revision 7 of NUREG-1021.

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