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NRC ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER 98-06: ELECTRONIC AVAILABILITY OF 10 CFR PART 21
AND 10 CFR 50.55(e) NOTIFICATIONS

Addressees

All holders of licenses for nuclear power reactors and vendors for nuclear power reactors.

Purpose

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this administrative letter to inform addressees of the electronic availability of notifications under Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 (10 CFR Part 21), "Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance," and 10 CFR 50.55(e) notifications, for nuclear power plants under construction. No specific action or written response is required.

Discussion

With respect to nuclear reactors, the NRC receives and considers reports required by regulations at 10 CFR 50.72, "Immediate notification requirements for operating nuclear power reactors," and 10 CFR 50.73, "Licensee event report system." Less frequently, the NRC receives and considers reports required by regulations at 10 CFR Part 21, "Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance," and 10 CFR 50.55, "Conditions of construction permits," Section (e). In addition, the NRC daily considers reactor safety information that is internally generated in its regional offices in the forms of morning telephone conferences, written morning reports, and preliminary notices of occurrences. The NRC responses to this information include, as needed, staff reviews, generic communications, inspections, and investigations.

10 CFR Part 21 requires certain firms and organizations to evaluate deviations or to inform licensees or purchasers so they may evaluate these deviations to determine the existence of a substantial safety hazard. The firms and organizations are those (1) building, operating, or owning NRC-licensed facilities or conducting NRC-licensed activities and (2) supplying safety-related components and safety-related design, testing, inspection, and consulting services. The deviations identified typically describe potential defects of basic components.

In the spirit of the National Performance Review, public responsiveness, and Enhanced Participatory Rulemaking initiatives, NRC has an electronic homepage for public access to

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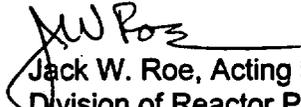
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Questions regarding this administrative letter may be directed to the contact listed below or to the appropriate NRR Project Manager.


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98-05	Availability of Summarise In Electronic Format of Technical Reports by the Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data	8/3/98	All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors
98-04	Availability of Common-Cause Failure Database	7/30/98	All holders of operating licenses 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
96-05, Rev. 1	Compliance with the Rule "Timeliness in Decommissioning of Material Facilities"	7/14/98	All material and fuel cycle licensees
98-03	Operating Reactor Licensing Action Estimates	5/6/98	All power reactor licensees
98-02	Revision of Event Reporting Guidelines for Power Reactors	03/17/98	All holders of operating licenses for nuclear reactors
98-01	Maintenance Rule Information Available on the NRC Home Page	02/20/98	All holders of operating licenses for nuclear reactors.
97-04	NRC Staff Approval for Changes to 10 CFR, Part 50, Appendix H, Reactor Vessel Surveillance Specimen Withdrawal Schedules	09/30/97	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
97-03	Plant Restart Discussions Following Natural Disasters	03/28/97	All holders of OLD or CPs for nuclear power reactors

OL = Operating License
 CP = Construction Permit

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