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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING WORKSHOP ON GENERIC LETTER (GL) 91-18,
GUIDANCE ON OPERABILITY AND ASSOCIATED ISSUES

DATES & TIME: Thursday, August 14, 2003
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Two White Flint North Building
Auditorium
11545 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852

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improvement of the GL 91-18 guidance.

CATEGORY 2: The public is invited to participate by providing comments and asking
questions at designated points during this workshop.

PARTICIPANTS*: Participants are encouraged to RSVP to kak@nrc.gov no later than August 1, 2003 to ensure adequate seating and handouts. Any comments on the topic areas or topic questions should be e-mailed to kak@nrc.gov no later than August 7, 2003. Attendees are strongly advised to arrive sufficiently early to allow time to be processed through security screening for building access. Further, in the interest of permitting prompt access, attendees are requested to refrain from bringing any unnecessary hand carried items and electronic equipment (such as laptop computers). Photo-identification (i.e., driver's license, passport) is required for building access.

Attachments: Agenda and topic questions
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AGENDA

OPERABILITY WORKSHOP

August 14, 2003 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, in TWFN Auditorium

8:00 AM to 8:30 AM	Registration
8:30 AM to 8:45 AM	Opening remarks (Dr. William Beckner/ Bruce Boger)
8:45 AM to 9:45 AM	Definition of Operable but Degraded + Public Comments
9:45 AM to 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Support System Operability - TS and Non-TS Equipment + Public Comments
10:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Component Reliability and Its Relationship to Operability + Public Comments
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Operational Leakage + Public Comments
12 PM to 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM	Breakout Sessions on Operability Guidance Issues
2:30 PM to 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 PM to 3:45 PM	Breakout Sessions on Operability Guidance Issues
3:45 PM to 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks

Note: Agenda subject to change. Final Agenda will be handed out at the workshop.

Topic Questions

1. Can a degraded SSC ever be determined operable? If so, what are the requirements for an operable but degraded determination? What is the distinction between operable but degraded and inoperable?
2. Where is guidance inconsistent with regard to definitions of operability; including supporting terms such as functional, available, reliable, or degraded?
3. If you remove a hazard barrier that is considered a support system but is not in tech specs, what analysis is needed to maintain the supported system operable?
4. Are there ever situations where the reliability of a SSC should impact the determination of operability? Explain.
5. Please describe any cases where you have had questions about operational leakage? What were the conditions? What guidance did you use for making these determinations? What was the outcome? (Examples (a) Tech specs require zero pressure boundary leakage but also allow certain amounts of identified and unidentified leakage; (b) ASME code requirements (GL 90-05) regarding class 1, 2, and 3 piping, and (c) steam generator leakage.)

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