

NOTE TO USERS

This document is identical in content to the December 2002 draft RS-002, "Processing Applications for Early Site Permits," with the following exceptions:

1. The two additional sections, 15.0 and 17.1.1, that were released for public comment and interim use in April 2003, have been included.
2. A new Attachment 5 has been added. This Attachment consists of the staff's responses to comments on the draft RS-002 made by the Nuclear Energy Institute, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, and Entergy Nuclear, Inc. Both the comments and the responses to the comments are included in Attachment 5. Comment responses are being finalized for comments received from Paul Gunter of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service, as well as for comments received from Sandra Lindberg of Clinton, IL, who is affiliated with an organization titled "No New Nukes." While the staff has not yet issued response letters to these two commenters, the staff has tentatively concluded that no changes to RS-002 will be required as a result of these comments and the staff's planned responses to them. Should any changes be determined necessary as a result of finalizing the responses, the New, Test and Research Reactors Program will inform you of the changes needed.
3. Highlighting markings have been removed, and text and figures shown with strikethrough markings have been deleted.
4. Where references have been deleted, reference numbers and reference cites in the text for following references have been renumbered appropriately.
5. The font has been changed to comply with current NRC publishing standards.
6. Text that referred to RS-002 and/or its sections as "Standard Review Plan" or "SRP" has been revised to refer to the document as a review standard.
7. Obvious typographical and grammatical errors have been corrected.