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## **SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 18, 19, AND 20, 2003, NRC MEETING WITH TSTF REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RETYPED STS NUREGs**

The staff met with Brian Mann of EXCEL to discuss the proposed changes to Standard Technical Specifications (STS) NUREG, Revision 2. The attached table designates the staff members who participated and their assigned STS Section.

The staff reviewed the marked up Rev. 2 books. An electronic copy of the Rev. 2 books is contained in ADAMS under accession number ML032720002. Approximately 140 additional changes were requested by the staff. The vast majority of the changes were new corrections or improvements not previously identified. About a dozen of the changes were typographical errors in the retyped NUREGs. These changes were made to the electronic files during the meeting and corrected pages were printed and verified.

Two changes were requested by Industry and will be made to the improved STS NUREGs using a "global search and replace." First, in the original Revision 2 files and the draft files, there is a mixture of brackets which are in a bold font and brackets in a normal font. We agreed to change all bold brackets (e.g., [ and ]) to normal font brackets (e.g., [ and ]). Second, TSTF-51 added statements similar to "a minimum decay time of [X] days". In some cases, it's written "[X]" and in others "[x]". We agreed to change the statements to be consistently lower case (e.g., from [X] to [x]). Both of these changes were successfully made during the meeting.

One change to the ISTS NUREGs reviewed in the March 2003 meetings was rejected at the August meetings. The TSTF had proposed revising NUREG-1431, "Westinghouse Plants STS, Revision 2", Table 3.3.1-1, Note 1, the second f-delta-I equation, from a value of "0% of RTP" to just "0." The staff did not necessarily disagree with the change but wanted it to be reviewed by the responsible technical branch. The TSTF will pursue this change latter.

The following three issues were identified by the Staff that will not be included in the draft ISTS NUREGs:

- 1) It was noted that in NUREG-1431, the use of test exception notes in 3.3.1 is inconsistent with the use of the same type of notes in 3.3.2 (e.g. 3.3.1 Required Action Note D, E, K, L, M, N, and O versus 3.3.2 Required Action Note C.1, D.1, E.1, G.1, H.1, I.1, and K.1.) The NRC considered this discrepancy a significant issue and encourages the TSTF to address it. In 3.3.1, the Note applies to all Required Actions for the Condition and in 3.3.2 the Note applies only to the first Required Action.
- 2) It was noted that the PWR Chapter 2.0 specs state Safety Limit Violation and the BWR specs state, SL Violation. The NUREG was not changed as the difference was not considered significant.
- 3) It was noted that the use of brackets in Section 3.3 is inconsistent. In some cases, an SR reference in an instrument table is bracketed and the SR itself is bracketed, in some cases only the table entry is bracketed, and in some cases only the SR is bracketed. Also the use of brackets around plant-specific features is inconsistent (values bracketed in some locations and not in others).

At the meeting the TSTF provided the NRC with a list of the Travelers that have been approved by the NRC since the issuance of Revision 2. The NRC has confirmed the accuracy of the list with the TSTF.

The TSTF will incorporate the approved TSTFs into the ISTS NUREG files, provide the NRC with draft pages and the NRC will review the accuracy of the incorporation of the approved Travelers.

Additionally, the recently approved Travelers, TSTF-21 Revision 0 will be incorporated. TSTF-21 Revision 0 was approved by the NRC on October 19, 1996. The TSTF then submitted TSTF-21, Revision 1 which was subsequently rejected by the NRC. This did not invalidate the NRC's approval of TSTF-21, Revision 0 but this Traveler was inadvertently omitted from Revision 2.

Following the NRC's review of the incorporation of the approved Travelers, the TSTF will provide the NRC with WordPerfect files and Adobe Acrobat files for each of the ISTS NUREGs.

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