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SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 26, 2005 PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS TASK FORCE

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After the administrative issues were resolved we discussed the items in the Process Issues portion of the Agenda. The Agenda is in Attachment 3. We began with a presentation from the TSTF on their proposal for turning "T" Travelers into "A" Travelers (Attachment 4.). We agreed to review the process and to provide feedback to the TSTF on the feasibility of adopting this process. We expected to provide the staff's feedback by the end of February.

The discussion on bulk submittals of TSTF involved standardizing the format for bulk submittals to enhance the efficiency of the review and evaluation. The staff suggested that the TSTF send a white paper on this issue to DPLM for review and comment.

The TSTF stated that seven TSTFs (5 completed and 2 nearly complete) are ready to be added to the active Standard Technical Specifications (STS) which will be used to update STS Rev. 3.0 on NRC's WEB Site. The TSTF expected to electronically submit the updated active STS in the first quarter of 2005 for the staff's review.

For the remainder of the meeting the discussions involved exchanging information between the staff and the TSTF on specific issues affecting the STS. The topics included: Consolidated Line Item Improvement Program (CLIP) to eliminate the reporting of license condition violation, NRC actions on MELLA+, proposed TS on grid stability, Containment Isolation Valve (CIV) AOT Extension Travelers, ISA 67.04, Method 3 Issue and Traveler status review. During the Traveler status review the following TSTFs were accentuated:

TSTF-448, Control Room Habitability

The staff replied with a letter to a RAI response from the TSTF. The TSTF thought that the staff's January 24, 2005 letter expanded the scope of the TSTF-448 and set back the progress on resolving the issues. The TSTF suggested that this topic warrants a separate meeting with the Licensing Actions Task Force (LATF).

TSTF-343, Containment Structural Integrity

The fee exemption status for TSTF-343 expanded into the fee exempt status for TSTF-467, Temperature Restriction for Loop Tave during Mode 2 Physics Testing and TSTF-479, TS changes resulting from revision of 10 CFR 50.55a. The staff stated it believed these TSTFs do not meet the exemption requirements contained in the January 10, 2003 letter from Dr. William Beckner to the TSTF. The staff further agreed to address this issue in a letter to the TSTF.

TSTF-357, Revision to TS 2.1.1.2 MCPR Safety Limit

The TSTF expected to provide a letter by February 28, 2005 to address the staff's concerns with the methodology used in TSTF-357.

TSTF-372, Addition of LCO Inoperability of Snubbers

TSTF-372 is presently under the CLIIP process. The staff received public comments and intends to address them.

TSTF-409, Containment Spray System Completion Time Extension (CE NPSD-1045-A)

The Safety Evaluation (SE) for TSTF-409 is presently in the Probabilistic Safety Assessment Branch for concurrence review. Barring additional PRA requirements or other concurrence delays, the staff expected to complete the TSTF-409 SE on February 15, 2005.

TSTF-417, AC Electrical Power System Completion Time Extension (CE NPSD-1045-A)

The staff expects to complete the TSTF-417 SE in March, 2005.

TSTF-425, Relocate Surveillance Frequencies to License Control - RITSTF Initiative 5

The staff is compiling the RAIs and expects to complete the RAIs in February, 2005.

TSTF-426, Revise or Add Actions to Preclude Entry into LCO 3.0.3 - RITSTF - Initiatives 6b & 6c

Comments from the TSTF are expected by March 1, 2005.

TSTF-427, Allowance for Non Technical Specification Barrier Degradation on Supported System OPERABILITY

Comments from the TSTF are expected by March 1, 2005.

TSTF-439, Eliminate Second Completion Times Limiying Time from Discovery of Failure to meet an LCO

TSTF expects to provide a revision soon.

TSTF-459 Eliminate the requirement to have one RHR Shutdown Cooling System in operation

The TSTF response letter is expected by March 31, 2005

TSTF-465 Addition of time performance Surveillance Requirement (SR) note to Source Range Monitor SRs

The staff expects to complete the SE by February 28, 2005.

TSTF-467, Add Restriction for Lowest Loop Tave during Mode 2 Physics Testing

The staff expects to complete TSTF-467 by June 28, 2005.

TSTF-475, Control Rod Notch Testing Frequency and SRM Insert Control Rod Action

The staff is nearing completion of their RAIs.

TSTF-476, Improved BPWS Control Rod Insertion Process (NEDO-33091)

The staff is ready to write the SE for TSTF-476.

Action Items

1. Provide the staff comments on the TSTF's proposal for turning "T" Travelers into "A" Travelers.
2. Letter to the TSTF addressing TSTF fee exemptions (see TSTF-343 Section)

The next meeting with the Technical Specifications Task Force has been scheduled for June 23, 2005.

Attendance List

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Garry Armstrong	NRC/NRR/DIPM/ROB/TSS
Thomas Boyce	NRC/NRR/DIPM/ROB/TSS
Denny Buschbaum	WOG
Milton Concepcion-Robies	NRC/NRR/DIPM/ROB/TSS
Patricia Furio	CEOG
Paul Infanger	BWOG
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Donald Hoffman	EXCEL
Brian Mann	EXCEL
Morris Bertram	BWROG
Bill Reckley	NRC/NRR/DLPM/LPD4
Carl Schulten	NRC/NRR/DIPM/ROB/TSS
Wes Sparkman	WOG
Bob Tjader	NRC/NRR/DIPM/ROB/TSS
Harold Walker	NRC/NRR/DSSA/SPSB

TSTF / NRC Meeting

January 26, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

A) Introductions

B) Administrative Issues

1. Agenda Review
2. TSTF membership
3. TS Section staffing
4. Status of NRC plan to post plant-specific TS on NRC website

C) Process Issues

1. Process for turning "T" Travelers to "A" Travelers
2. The time required and cost of CLIIP items. Fleet submittals are more expensive than expected.
3. Bulk TSTF adoption process
4. NRC review process for adoption of approved Travelers
 - a) Status of NRC approval of amendments based on TSTF-225
5. Proposed change to LIC-101 to address adoption of Travelers
6. Development of Revision 3.1 of the ISTS NUREGs

D) ISTS Changes

1. CLIIP to eliminate the reporting of license condition violations
2. NRC Actions on MELLLA+
3. Propose TS on grid stability
4. CIV AOT Extension Travelers (TSTF-373 – CE, TSTF-446 – W, TSTF-454 – BWR)
5. ISA 67.04, Method 3 Issue
6. Traveler Status Review
7. Travelers for Specific Discussion:
 - a) TSTF-357, Revision to TS 2.1.1.2, MCPR Safety Limit

- b) TSTF-372 comment letter and CLIIP
- c) NRC approval of TSTF-374 without CLIIP
- d) SEs for Traveler incorporated in Revision 3 (TSTF-409)
- e) TSTF-423, Technical Specifications End States, NEDC-32988-A
- f) TSTF-448, Control Room Habitability - status of NRC letter development, LATF meeting, etc.
- g) TSTF-449, Steam Generator Tube Integrity

E) Next Meeting

**Proposed Process for Obtaining
NRC Generic Approval of "T" Travelers**

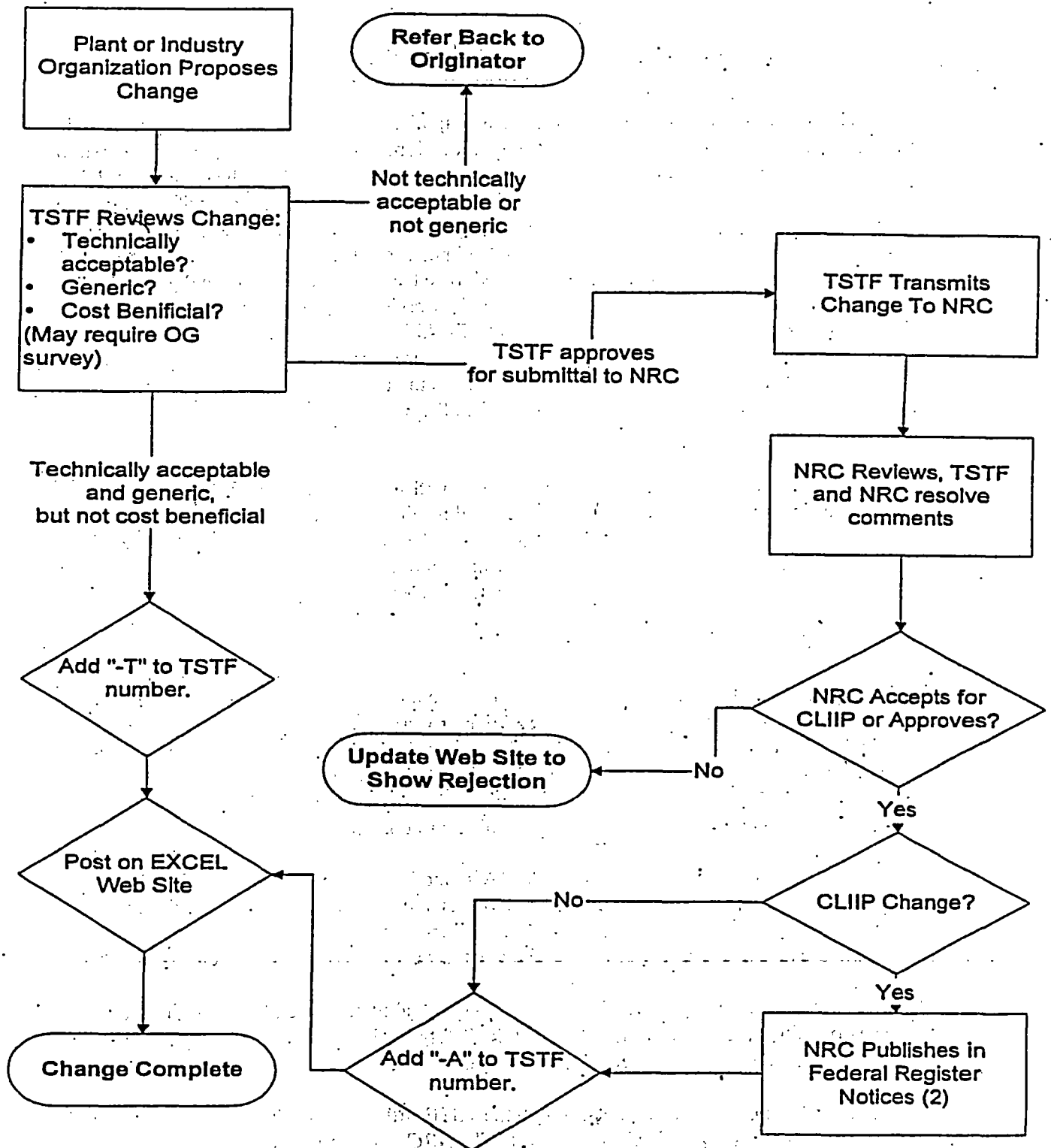
The TSTF, in consultation with the originating and applicable Owners Groups, develops generic changes to the Improved Standard Technical Specifications (ISTS). If a change is determined to be technically acceptable, generic, and sufficiently cost-beneficial to offset the expected NRC review fees, it is submitted to the NRC for review. (However, a limited number of Travelers are exempted from NRC review fees because they support NRC generic initiatives.) After the Traveler is approved by the NRC, it is given a "-A" postscript (e.g., TSTF-445-A) and posted on the EXCEL web site. If the change is determined to be technically acceptable and generic, but not sufficiently cost-beneficial to warrant paying NRC review fees, it is approved by the TSTF, given a "-T" (for "template") postscript (e.g., TSTF-445-T) and posted on the EXCEL web site for use by licensees as a template for plant-specific license amendments. The Owners Group and TSTF review and approval ensures the change follows the format and usage rules of the ISTS and applies the change consistently to the ISTS for all applicable plant designs. This process is shown on the attached figure.

The TSTF is proposing a process in which licensees will submit plant-specific license amendments based on "T" Travelers and which will result in NRC generic approval of the change without incurring significant additional review fees to the licensee. The plant-specific amendments will be considered lead plant submittals and the NRC will write a Safety Evaluation sufficiently generic to serve as the approval of the Traveler.

The proposed process is described below.

1. A licensee basing a plant-specific license amendment on a "T" Traveler will prominently state that the amendment is based on a TSTF-approved Traveler and give the Traveler number and title. The licensee will state that their submittal should be considered a lead-plant submittal for the Traveler and include the generic Traveler as an attachment to the amendment. The licensee's amendment will highlight and justify any differences between their amendment and the Traveler. The licensee will copy the TSTF on their submittal letter.
2. NRC requests for additional information (RAIs) and licensee responses that affect the generic Traveler will be coordinated with the TSTF to ensure the resulting changes continue to follow the ISTS format and usage guidelines and are appropriate for all applicable plant designs. The TSTF will revise the "T" Traveler as necessary to reflect any changes.
3. The NRC review will consider the generic change in addition to the plant specific change. The NRC Safety Evaluation will state that the Safety Evaluation approves the plant-specific amendment and provides generic approval for the Traveler.
4. After approval of the lead plant submittal, the TSTF will submit the Traveler and the NRC Safety Evaluation to the NRC for approval. The NRC will approve the Traveler based on the existing Safety Evaluation without assessing additional review fees.

STS GENERIC CHANGE PROCESS



Active Travelers Status Report

TSTF Number	Applicability	Fee Exempt?	CLIP Candidate?	Description		
TSTF-343, Rev. 0	All OGs	Exemption Requested	No	Containment Structural Integrity		
	Action Assigned		Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	12/1/2004	Send to TSTF for review and send to the NRC.			TSTF	2/15/2005
TSTF-357, Rev. 1	BWR OGs	Not Exempt	Yes	Revision to TS 2.1.1.2, MCPR Safety Limit		
	Action Assigned		Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	11/9/2004	NRC provided comments. BWROG to respond.			BWROG	1/30/2005
TSTF-372, Rev. 4	All OGs	Exempt	Yes	Addition of LCO 3.0.8, Inoperability of Snubbers		
	Action Assigned		Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	1/10/2005	TSTF provided comments. NRC to issue Notice of Availability.			NRC	3/1/2005
TSTF-409, Rev. 2	CEOG	Exempt	Yes	Containment Spray System Completion Time Extension (CE NPSD-1045-A)		
	Action Assigned		Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	2/13/2004	NRC incorporated TSTF-409 in Revision 3 of the ISTS NUREGs. NRC expects to issue Safety Evaluation for the Traveler in the Fall of 2004. As of 11/17/04, SE was in concurrence.			NRC	12/30/2004
TSTF-412, Rev. 1	PWR OGs	Not Exempt	No	Provide Actions for One Steam Supply to Turbine Driven AFW/EFW Pump Inoperable		
	Action Assigned		Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	1/24/2005	TSTF approves. EXCEL to transmit to the NRC.			Excel	1/31/2005
TSTF-417, Rev. 0	WOG	Exemption Requested	Yes	AC Electrical Power System Completion Times (WCAP-15622)		
	Action Assigned		Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	10/15/2003	NRC to review and provide comments. 11/30/04 - The Tech Spec Section currently does not have a Section 3.8 reviewer so this Traveler is not being reviewed.			NRC	10/15/2004
TSTF-422, Rev. 1	CEOG	Exempt	Yes	Change in Technical Specifications End States (CE NPSD-1186)		
	Action Assigned		Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	12/23/2004	NRC to review implementation guidance.			NRC	1/31/2004
TSTF-423, Rev. 0	BWR OGs	Exempt	Yes	Technical Specifications End States, NEDC-32988-A		
	Action Assigned		Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	10/20/2004	RITSTF to address NRC comments on implementation guidance.			RITSTF	1/31/2005

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TSTF Number	Applicability	Fee Exempt?	CLIP Candidate?	Description			
TSTF-424, Rev. 0	CEOG	Exempt	Yes	Risk-Informed HPSI AOT/CT Extension (WCAP-15773)			
	Action Assigned			Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	12/6/2004	NRC to review.				NRC	9/30/2005
TSTF-425, Rev. 0	BWR OGS	Exempt	Yes	Relocate Surveillance Frequencies to Licensee Control - RITSTF Initiative 5			
	Action Assigned			Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	8/31/2004	NRC to review.				NRC	8/31/2005
TSTF-426, Rev. 0	CEOG	Exempt	Yes	Revise or Add Actions to Preclude Entry into LCO 3.0.3 - RITSTF Initiatives 6b & 6c			
	Action Assigned			Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	11/13/2004	NRC provided comments. TSTF to respond.				TSTF	3/1/2005
TSTF-427, Rev. 0	All OGS	Exempt	Yes	Allowance for Non Technical Specification Barrier Degradation on Supported System OPERABILITY			
	Action Assigned			Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	11/13/2004	NRC provided comments. TSTF to respond.				TSTF	3/1/2005
TSTF-439, Rev. 1	All OGS	Exempt	Yes	Eliminate Second Completion Times Limiting Time From Discovery of Failure To Meet an LCO			
	Action Assigned			Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	10/15/2003	Based on discussions with the NRC, TSTF to revise TSTF-439 and resubmit.				TSTF	3/1/2005
TSTF-446, Rev. 1	WOG	Exempt	Yes	Risk Informed Evaluation of Extensions to Containment Isolation Valve Completion Times (WCAP-15791)			
	Action Assigned			Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	7/27/2004	TSTF to review revision and submit.				TSTF	1/31/2005
TSTF-448, Rev. 1	All OGS	Exempt	Yes	Control Room Habitability			
	Action Assigned			Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	1/18/2005	NRC provided comments. TSTF to respond.				TSTF	4/1/2005
TSTF-449, Rev. 3	PWR OGS	Exempt	Yes	Steam Generator Tube Integrity			
	Action Assigned			Next Action		Responsibility	Due Date
	1/14/2005	NRC to review.				NRC	7/14/2005

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TSTF Number	Applicability	Fee Exempt?	CLIP Candidate?	Description				
TSTF-450, Rev. 0	CEOG	Not Exempt	Yes	Staggered Integrated ESFAS Testing (WCAP-15830)	Action Assigned	Next Action	Responsibility	Due Date
	7/13/2003	NRC to review.					NRC	1/31/2005
TSTF-454, Rev. 0	BWR OGS	Exempt	Yes	Increase PCIV Completion Times from 4 hours, 24 hours, and 72 hours to 7 days (NEDC-33046)	Action Assigned	Next Action	Responsibility	Due Date
	10/8/2004	Safety Evaluation for supporting Topical Report issued on October 8. NRC to complete review of Traveler.					NRC	1/31/2005
TSTF-459, Rev. 0	BWR OGS	Not Exempt	Yes	Eliminate the requirement to have one RHR Shutdown Cooling System in operation	Action Assigned	Next Action	Responsibility	Due Date
	5/6/2004	TSTF to revise to address NRC comments.					TSTF	1/30/2005
TSTF-465, Rev. 0	BWR OGS	Not Exempt	Yes	Addition of time performance Surveillance Requirement (SR) note to Source Range Monitor (SRM) SRs	Action Assigned	Next Action	Responsibility	Due Date
	9/15/2003	NRC to review. Note: on August 11, NRC stated that they were assigning this change to another reviewer to spur progress. New reviewer is Carl Schulten and he has been in contact with the BWROG TSICC chairman.					NRC	11/30/2004
TSTF-467, Rev. 0	BWOG	Exemption Requested	No	Add Restriction for Lowest Loop Tave during Mode 2 Physics Testing	Action Assigned	Next Action	Responsibility	Due Date
	6/28/2004	NRC to review.					NRC	6/28/2005
TSTF-468, Rev. 0	All OGS	Not Exempt	Yes	Follow Supported Systems Actions Due to an Inoperable MCC or Distribution Panel in lieu of ITS 3.8.9	Action Assigned	Next Action	Responsibility	Due Date
	8/30/2004	NRC to review.					NRC	8/30/2005
TSTF-475, Rev. 0	All OGS	Not Exempt	Yes	Control Rod Notch Testing Frequency and SRM Insert Control Rod Action	Action Assigned	Next Action	Responsibility	Due Date
	8/30/2004	NRC to review.					NRC	8/30/2005
TSTF-476, Rev. 0	BWR OGS	Not Exempt	No	Improved BPWS Control Rod Insertion Process (NEDO-33091)	Action Assigned	Next Action	Responsibility	Due Date
	8/30/2004	NRC to review.					NRC	8/30/2005

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TSTF-477, Rev. 0	BWR OGS	Not Exempt	Yes	Add Action for Two Inoperable Control Room AC Subsystems	
	Action Assigned		Next Action	Responsibility	Due Date
	8/30/2004	NRC to review.		NRC	8/30/2005
TSTF-479, Rev. 0	All OGS	Exempt	Yes	Changes to Reflect Revision of 10 CFR 50.55a	
	Action Assigned		Next Action	Responsibility	Due Date
	12/2/2004	NRC to Review.		NRC	12/2/2005