

June 16, 2006

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PUBLIC  
COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULE ON RISK-INFORMED  
CHANGES TO LOSS-OF-COOLANT ACCIDENT TECHNICAL  
REQUIREMENTS (10 CFR 50.46a)

DATE AND TIME: June 28, 2006  
8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Georgetown Room, Ramada Inn Hotel  
1775 Rockville Pike (Twinbrook Metro stop)  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

PURPOSE: To discuss public comments received on the proposed rule on risk-informed changes to loss-of-coolant accident technical requirements (70 FR 67598; November 7, 2005). The rule would permit nuclear power reactor licensees to implement a voluntary risk-informed alternative to the current emergency core cooling system requirements for loss-of coolant accidents. The public comment period ended on March 8, 2006. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss public comments received on the proposed rule so that the final rule properly addresses the issues raised by the commenters. Specifically, the discussion will focus on public comments pertaining to operational requirements and risk assessments that would be required for facility changes under 10 CFR 50.46a. The meeting agenda is provided as Enclosure 1.

The proposed rule, other related documents and public comments on the proposed rule can be viewed and downloaded electronically via the NRC's rulemaking web site at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>.

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**Welcoming Remarks, Purpose and Meeting Conduct**

**Meeting Topic Areas for Further Discussion:**

The NRC staff is considering possible changes to the rule based on the public comments. Several rule changes under consideration are identified below.

1. Allowance for plant operation in an unanalyzed configuration, if controlled by technical specifications and limited to a short period of time and, whether there should be a demonstration of vessel integrity using severe accident methodology when in this unanalyzed configuration.
2. Instead of all licensee changes not made under 50.90 (as a license amendment) being required to meet the "minimal" risk increase acceptance criteria, the NRC could continue to rely on 50.59 to control such changes. Changes in facility risk associated with these changes could be addressed by the periodic assessment and reporting of the cumulative effect of facility changes performed every other fuel cycle.
3. The NRC staff will also consider other changes to the rule and/or guidance that would simplify the requirements related to the Risk-informed Integrated Safety Performance (RISP) assessment, while maintaining the capability to demonstrate that the acceptance criteria are met (i.e., total increases in risk are small and overall risk remains small, defense-in-depth is maintained, adequate safety margins are retained, and adequate performance measurement strategies are implemented).

**Break**

**Response to Stakeholder Questions**

**Additional Opportunity for Meeting Participant Comments**

**NRC Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

ENCLOSURE