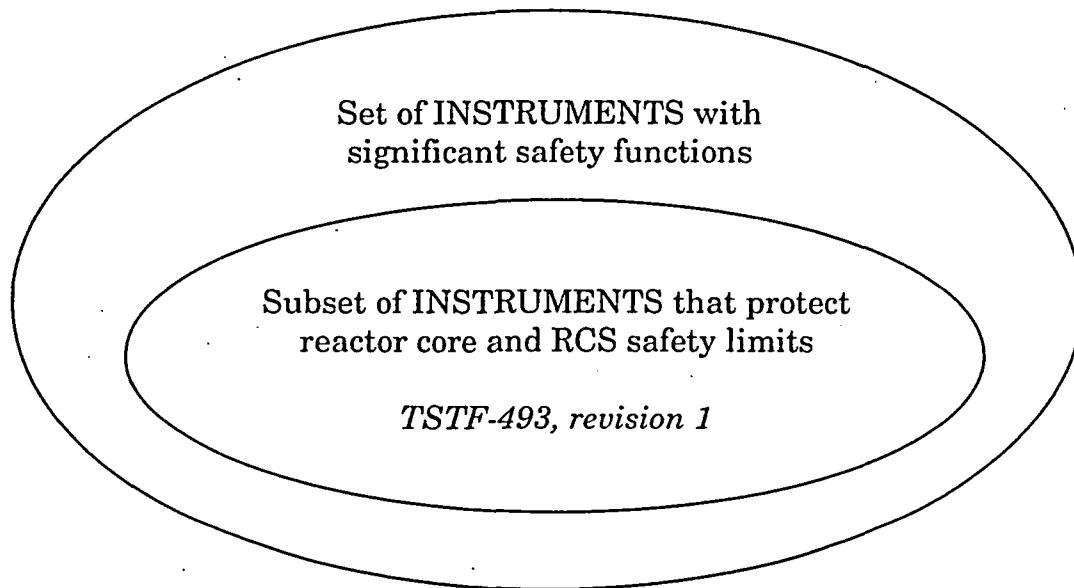


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I. INTRODUCTION

Scope

With respect to the scope issue, the RIS is limited to instrument channels that protect fuel boundary and reactor coolant system pressure boundary safety limits. This scope is a subset of the instrumentation channels that provide “significant safety functions.”



Instrument Functionality (instrument health)

With respect to the instrument-functionality issue, TSTF-493 revision 1 will define a framework for determining acceptable methods for evaluating instrument functionality, including data assessment and criteria.

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II. TSTF-493 PROCESS/SCHEDULE:

1. TSTF Process:

OGs/NSSS vendors are working to develop criteria and scope of SL LSSS instrument channels which require TSTF-493 notes/bases changes to be included in a revision to TSTF-493.

Schedule:

TSTF provide TSTF-493R1 to NRC on or about September 30, 2006.

2. CLIIP Process:

NRC review TSTF-493R1 and work with TSTF/Industry to resolve issues, if any, to permit approval of TSTF-493R1 in accordance with the consolidated line item improvement process (CLIIP).

Schedule:

NRC issue TSTF-493R1 as a CLIIP with model Technical Specifications and model safety evaluation in early 2007.

3. Implementation Guidance Process:

Industry (TSTF, SMTF, OGs, & NEI) plans to develop generic implementation guidance for individual plants to use in adopting a TSTF-493 CLIIP.

Schedule:

TSTF issue implementation guidance prior to NRC issuance of TSTF-493 CLIIP.

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III. CONCLUDING REMARKS

- The vehicle for resolving the setpoints issue is a CLIIP that is based on TSTF-493 revision 1.

- NEI will likely comment on the final RIS, for example:
 - instrument functions not related to safety limits (first full paragraph, page 4), and
 - specific acceptance criteria (second full paragraph, page 5).

- Consistent with the wording in the Backfit Discussion in the draft RIS, NRC will consider alternative methods for establishing scope and instrument functionality.