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MEMORANDUM TO: John T. Larkins, Executive Director  
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)  
Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste

FROM: David B. Matthews, Director  
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVISION TO NUREG-0800, STANDARD REVIEW  
PLAN

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform ACRS of NRR plans regarding the ongoing revision to NUREG-0800, Standard Review Plan (SRP), to identify SRP sections containing new or significantly modified staff positions (Enclosure 1), and to provide revision schedules for all SRP sections (Enclosure 2). It is intended that this plan will be used to facilitate early, focused ACRS interaction. NRR is publishing the SRP by March 2007 without providing it first as a draft for public comment. The staff is revising the SRP in this manner to provide a more timely, current SRP to support the requirement in 10 CFR 50.34(h) for a combined license applicant to evaluate its facility against the SRP in effect six months before the docket date of the application. The SRP will be available for public comment after issuance in March 2007. Staff will address any comments received after issuance in a subsequent SRP revision. Comment resolution may also be used to establish interim staff guidance prior to formal SRP revision.

Given the accelerated schedule to complete the revision to the SRP by March 2007, NRR does not plan to transmit all SRP section revisions to the ACRS for consideration. Instead, NRR plans to identify sections which contain either new staff positions or positions which have substantively changed since the 1996 draft SRP and subsequent revisions. Staff endorsement of content from the 1996 draft does not represent new staff positions. The basis for this determination is that the content contained in the 1996 draft has been used by the staff and stakeholders since issuance. For example, the 1996 draft SRP was incorporated by reference in Review Standard RS-001, Review Standard for Extended Power Uprates, was used to conduct new reactor design certification reviews; and provided the basis for Review Standard RS-002, Processing Applications for Early Site Permits.

Enclosure 1 lists the SRP sections which contain either new or substantially modified positions since the 1996 draft SRP and subsequent revisions. Enclosure 2 provides the schedule for the planned revision of each SRP section, including when the technical development is expected to be publicly available. NRR staff will work with ACRS to schedule subcommittee sessions to discuss the sections in Enclosure 1. To the extent possible, NRR and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) will combine relevant SRP sections with corresponding Regulatory Guide revisions to provide for a more efficient and effective ACRS review.

The NRR staff will also support ACRS consideration of the technical content in the SRP sections not identified in Enclosure 1. If the ACRS determines that there is a need to review additional SRP sections, or if there are questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Robert Tregoning of my staff at 301 415-6657. NRR will notify ACRS staff of significant changes to either the schedule or scope of revisions for individual SRP sections.

Enclosures: 1. SRP Sections for ACRS Consideration  
2. SRP Revision Schedule

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