

Licensee proposal

FAQ 06-0020 seeks the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) clarification on the definition of the term “applicable NFPA standards” as used in Chapter 3 of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805. Based on previous NRC approvals of NFPA standards used in the development, implementation and maintenance of Fire Protection Programs, the licensee proposes the inclusion of the following clarification text into the next update of NEI 04-02 to resolve this issue:

Where used in NFPA 805, Chapter 3, the term “applicable NFPA Standards” is considered to be equivalent to those NFPA standards identified in the current license basis (CLB) for the facility (generally found in the FSAR or approved fire protection program).

Staff Response

The licensee’s current FSAR or approved Fire Protection Program may not include the most up-to-date or new NFPA standards being invoked by NFPA 805. However, based on the concept of safe-today-safe-tomorrow, the staff determined that the codes of records identified in the current licensing basis are acceptable for existing procedural or system implementations in the Fire Protection Program that are transitioning to NFPA 805. For new procedures or systems added, the most current codes are required.

Therefore, it is recommended that FAQ 06-0020 be revised as follow:

Where used in NFPA 805, Chapter 3, the term “applicable NFPA Standards” is considered to be equivalent to those NFPA standards identified in the current license basis (CLB) for existing procedures and systems in the Fire Protection Program that are transitioning to NFPA 805. New Fire Protection Program procedures or systems are subjected to the most current codes.