

March 16, 2007

Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF)
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SUBJECT: March 2007 TSTF Traveler Milestone Schedule Update
(Docket No. PROJ0753)

Dear Members of the TSTF:

This letter is to update the schedule for review of all in-process TSTF travelers.¹ NRC reviewed the schedule with your representative, Mr. Brian Mann, on March 16, 2007. This schedule updates and supercedes any previously-submitted schedules.

Table 1 summarizes TSTF changes since this schedule was last published on November 16, 2006 (ADAMS Accession No. **ML0629803970**). Table 2, which has been updated, explains shorthand notations used in the enclosed TSTF Status Spreadsheet (ADAMS Accession No. **ML070680120**).

Should circumstances lead to anticipated or actual schedule delay, the causing party should promptly inform the other party and coordinate to re-establish and publish an appropriately revised schedule. The cause of the schedule delay should be documented along with the agreed-upon revised schedule.

Changes to milestone dates that do not affect the projected notice of availability (NOA) milestone date may be accomplished informally with the mutual concurrence of the impacted stakeholders. Effective coordination of schedule changes is of particular importance in connection with TSTF response to NRC staff requests for additional information (RAIs). Failure to provide a timely and responsive reply in accordance with the agreed schedule (see updated Table 2 and attached TSTF Traveler Milestone Schedule) or to successfully negotiate a revised schedule may result in termination of the NRC review process.

Early completion of any activity will not necessitate schedule revision. However, NRC staff will endeavor to accommodate early completions by completing subsequent tasks early. The current Open TSTF Traveler Milestone schedule will be published as a publically available document in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) and accessible via the NRC public web.

¹ As new TSTF travelers are opened and active travelers are closed on an ongoing basis, it should be recognized that recent changes may not appear in this schedule.

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Technical Specifications Branch project leads for each TSTF traveler. Please contact these individuals in coordinating activities specific to their review. Ross Telson may also be contacted at (301) 415-2256 or rdt@nrc.gov in the event one of these individuals is unavailable or should you have questions or need further information in connection with the TSTF traveler review process.

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TABLE 1: Summary of Changes

The following table summarizes TSTF Traveler approvals, cancellations, and schedule changes subsequent to the last-published schedule (**ML063170404**) published on November 16, 2007. For schedule changes, only the immediately-impacted milestone is listed in this summary. Cascading milestone changes are shown in the attached TSTF Traveler Milestone Schedule.

TSTF / Lead	Previous Proj. Date	Revised Proj. Date	TAC	Impacted Milestone (if applicable) & Reason For Change	FR / ADAMS ML#(s) & Hyperlinks
409 / Thomas	n/a	n/a	MD1812	TSTF approved. See NOA Issued 11/7/2006	Vol 71 FR, p65148-65160
412 / Wertz	1 /12/07	3 /14/07 (actual date)	MD0685	Fed Reg NFC (e) rescheduled by NRC and posted subsequent to NRC rescheduling letter which referenced a delay in receipt of TSTF Revision. (See ML & FR)	Vol 72 FR, p11914-11918 ML070310058
425 / Tjader	n/a	n/a	MB2531	Review cancelled / TAC closed pending TSTF revision.	ML070310092
426 / Tjader	n/a	n/a	MC4438	Review cancelled / TAC closed pending TSTF revision. (See ML)	ML070310092
431 / Tjader	n/a	n/a	MD3763	New TSTF received 11/3/2006. Acceptance / Rejection / Schedule letter pending. See attachment for tentative schedule; contact TSTF Lead for additional information.	Pending
446 / Tjader	1 /31/07	4 /13/07	MD1808	Fed Reg NFC (e) rescheduled by NRC following receipt of revised TSTF Traveler on 1/11/07. (See ML)	ML070510680
448 / Harbuck	n/a	n/a	MC8335	TSTF approved - NOA Issued 1/17/2007	Vol 72 FR, p2022-2033
475 / Tjader	12/30/06	8/1/07	MD3759	Fed Reg NFC (e) rescheduled and new TAC opened by NRC following receipt of non-proprietary RAI response. (See ML)	ML070510680
476 / Tjader	2 /28/07	4 /16/07	MC4442	Fed Reg NOA (f) rescheduled by NRC following receipt of revised TSTF (ML070090561) on 1/9/07. (See ML)	ML070510680
484 / Lewin	n/a	n/a	MC8953	TSTF approved. See NOA Issued 11/27/06	Vol 71 FR, p68642-68644
487 / Telson	1 /25/07	3 /15/07 (actual date)	MC8594	Fed Reg NFC (e) rescheduled (and subsequently published) by NRC subsequent to NRC rescheduling letter which referenced TSTF RAI response resolution issues. (See ML & FR)	Vol 72 FR, p12223-12227 ML070240087
490 / Wertz	2 /14/07	3 /15/07 (actual date)	MC8565	Fed Reg NOA (f) rescheduled by NRC due to unforeseen circumstances. (See ML) TSTF approved - See NOA Issued 3/15/2007	Vol 72 FR, p12217-12223 ML070430186
491 / Hearn	n/a	n/a	MC8562	TSTF approved - See NOA Issued 12/29/2006	Vol 71 FR, p78472-78474
492 / Wertz	n/a	n/a	MC8758	TSTF withdrawn / TAC closed 11/28/07. (See ML)	ML063330090
493 / Schulten	n/a	n/a	MD3180	Review cancelled / TAC closed pending TSTF revision.	ML063450324
498 / Tjader	n/a	n/a	MD4000	New TSTF received 12/20/2006.	ML070510680

TABLE 2: In-process TSTF Traveler Schedule Milestones & Explanation

Milestone Dates	Meaning (Milestone dates in the attached spreadsheet may be interpreted as follows)
Application (a)	This is the date the application was received by the NRC. The document processing center (DPC) will typically place the document into ADAMS within a few days of receipt. For electronic submittals, the DPC confirms, via email, both receipt and placement into ADAMS.
RAI Issued (c)	This is the projected (actual) date a Request for Additional Information (RAI) letter will be (is) available to- or delivered to TSTF. If a copy of the signed RAI will be (is) emailed or faxed, it is this date. Otherwise, it is the date at which the RAI letter will become (is) publically available in ADAMS, permitting public access (typically the signature date plus six (6) days).
RAI Resp. (d)	<p>This is the projected (actual) date when TSTF's complete RAI response documentation will be (is) available to technical staff. If a copy of the signed RAI response document will be (is) emailed or faxed to the TSTF lead, it is this date. Otherwise, it is the date at which the RAI response becomes available in ADAMS, permitting staff access (typically three days following receipt by the DPC).</p> <p>In the event an RAI Response document references a future submittal (e.g. a revised TSTF, a Topical Report, etc.) deemed necessary by staff to complete the TSTF review, then the actual RAI response date becomes the date of receipt of the referenced document. Failure to provide RAI response (or RAI-referenced documentation) by the RAI Response projected milestone date, without promptly informing the NRC in writing and coordinating to re-establish and publish an appropriately revised schedule, may result in termination of the NRC review process.</p>
Fed Reg NFC (e) *	<p>For TSTFs processed in accordance with the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Program (CLIIP'd), this is the projected (actual) date that both the model application (Model LAR) and safety evaluation (Model SE) will become (are) Noticed in the Federal Register for public comment.</p> <p>This milestone is "N/A" for non-CLIIP'd TSTFs which are not typically Noticed to the Federal Register for public comment</p>
Fed Reg NOA (f) *	<p>For TSTFs processed in accordance with the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Program (CLIIP'd), this is the projected (actual) date that both the model application (Model LAR) and safety evaluation (Model SE) will become (are) Advertised in the Federal Register as Available for Industry Adoption.</p> <p>For non-CLIIP'd TSTFs, there is no Fed Reg NOA. In this instance, this milestone reflects the earlier of the following dates: (i) The date at which the letter approving the TSTF will become (is) publically available in ADAMS (typically 6 days after being signed) or (ii) the date the signed letter will be (is) faxed or emailed to TSTF.</p>