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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Issuance, Availability of Draft Regulatory Guide (DG)-1194.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public comment a draft guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft regulatory guide, entitled, "Guidance to Operators at the Controls and to Senior Operators in the Control Room of a Nuclear Power Unit," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1194, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence.

This guide describes staffing practices and methods generally considered by the NRC to be satisfactory for complying with the Commission's regulations that require the presence of an operator at the controls of a nuclear power unit and a senior operator in the control room. These practices and methods are the result of NRC review of operating experience and they reflect the

latest methods and approaches acceptable to the NRC staff. If future information results in alternative methods, the NRC staff will review such methods to determine their acceptability.

II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-1194. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data, and should mention DG-1194 in the subject line. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

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1. Mail comments to: Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.
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4. Fax comments to: Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

Requests for technical information about DG-1194 may be directed to the NRC Senior Program Manager, M. Lintz at (301) 415-4051 or e-mail at MPL2@NRC.Gov.

Comments would be most helpful if received by June 6, 2008. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments

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