



U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
**ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD
 REVIEW PLAN**

2.4 ECOLOGY

REVIEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary—Organization responsible for review of ecological impacts

Secondary—None

I. AREAS OF REVIEW

This environmental standard review plan (ESRP) directs the staff's preparation of an introductory paragraph for the ecological description portions of the environmental impact statement (EIS). The scope of the paragraph covered by this plan introduces the material to be presented from the reviews conducted under ESRPs 2.4.1 and 2.4.2.

Review Interfaces

None.

Data and Information Needs

The reviewer for this ESRP should obtain the proposed organizational structure of the EIS from the Environmental Project Manager.

II. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The introductory paragraph prepared under this ESRP should be consistent with the intent of the following regulation:

- 10 CFR 51.70(b) with respect to preparation of an EIS that is concise, clear and analytic, and written in plain language.

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Regulatory positions and specific criteria necessary to meet the regulation identified above are as follows:

- There are no regulatory positions specific to this ESRP.

Technical Rationale

The technical rationale for evaluating the applicant's ecology description application of this criterion is discussed in the following paragraph:

Introductory paragraphs that orient the reader with respect to the relevance of the material to the overall organization and goals of the EIS add clarity to the presentation.

III. REVIEW PROCEDURES

The material to be prepared is informational in nature, and no specific analysis of data is required.

IV. EVALUATION FINDINGS

The reviewer of information covered by this ESRP should prepare at least one introductory paragraph for the EIS. The paragraph(s) should introduce the nature of the material to be presented by the reviewers of information covered by ESRPs 2.4.1 and 2.4.2. This paragraph should list the types of information to be presented and describe their relationships to information presented earlier and to be presented later in the EIS.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

The method described in this ESRP should be used by the staff in evaluating conformance with NRC requirements, except in those cases in which the applicant proposes an acceptable alternative for complying with specified portions of the requirements.

VI. REFERENCE

10 CFR 51.70, "Draft environmental impact statement—general."

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

The information collections contained in the Environmental Standard Review Plan are covered by the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51, and were approved by the Office of Management and Budget, approval number 3150-0021.

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