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The NRC is proposing to amend the following section as indicated by text in red:

1. In § 26.205, revise paragraph (b)(1) to read as follows:

§ 26.205 Work hours

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(b)(1) Shift turnover. Licensees may exclude from the calculation of an individual's work hours that portion of shift turnover that occurs outside of an individual's shift. Shift turnover includes only those activities that are necessary to safely transfer responsibilities between two or more individuals working contiguous shifts. Shift turnover activities may include, but are not limited to, discussions of the status of plant equipment, and the status of ongoing activities, such as extended tests of safety systems and components. Licensees may not exclude work hours worked during turnovers between individuals within a shift period due to rotations or relief within a shift. Activities that licensees may not exclude from work hours calculations also include, but are not limited to, shift holdovers to cover for late arrivals of incoming shift members; early arrivals of individuals for meetings, training, or pre-shift briefings for special evolutions; and holdovers for interviews needed for event investigations.

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