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# U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STANDARD REVIEW PLAN

## BRANCH TECHNICAL POSITION 7-6

### GUIDANCE ON DESIGN OF INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROLS PROVIDED TO ACCOMPLISH CHANGEOVER FROM INJECTION TO RECIRCULATION MODE

#### REVIEW RESPONSIBILITIES

**Primary** - Organization responsible for the review of instrumentation and controls

**Secondary** - None

**Review Note:** The revision numbers of Regulatory Guides (RG) and the years of endorsed industry standards referenced in this branch technical position (BTP) are centrally maintained in Standard Review Plan (SRP) Section 7.1-T (Table 7-1). Therefore, the individual revision numbers of RGs (except RG 1.97) and years of endorsed industry standards are not shown in this BTP. References to industry standards incorporated by reference into regulation (IEEE Std 279-1971 and IEEE Std 603-1991) and industry standards that are not endorsed by the agency do include the associated year in this BTP. See Table 7-1 to ensure that the appropriate RGs and endorsed industry standards are used for the review.

#### A. Background

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#### USNRC STANDARD REVIEW PLAN

This Standard Review Plan (SRP), NUREG-0800, has been prepared to establish criteria that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff responsible for the review of applications to construct and operate nuclear power plants intends to use in evaluating whether an applicant/licensee meets the NRC's regulations. The SRP is not a substitute for the NRC's regulations, and compliance with it is not required. However, an applicant is required to identify differences between the design features, analytical techniques, and procedural measures proposed for its facility and the SRP acceptance criteria and evaluate how the proposed alternatives to the SRP acceptance criteria provide an acceptable method of complying with the NRC regulations.

The standard review plan sections are numbered in accordance with corresponding sections in Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.70, "Standard Format and Content of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants (LWR Edition)." Not all sections of RG 1.70 have a corresponding review plan section. The SRP sections applicable to a combined license application for a new light-water reactor (LWR) are based on RG 1.206, "Combined License Applications for Nuclear Power Plants (LWR Edition)."

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Designs are reviewed with regard to the automatic and manual initiation of protective actions, as

set forth in clause 4.17 of IEEE Std 279-1971, "Criteria for Protection Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations," or clauses 6.2 and 7.2 of IEEE Std 603-1991, "IEEE Standard Criteria for Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations." For some designs, the staff concluded that the proposed design of the circuits used to change over to the recirculation mode of operation following a loss-of-coolant accident did not conform to IEEE Std 279-1971 or IEEE Std 603-1991, and the complexity of the proposed changeover procedure raised questions as to whether the operator could be expected to perform correctly the required actions within the time allotted and based on the information available to him or her.

## **B. Branch Technical Position**

1. A design that provides manual initiation at the system level of the transfer to the recirculation mode, while not ideal, is sufficient and satisfies the intent of IEEE Std 279-1971 or IEEE Std 603-1991, provided that adequate instrumentation and information display are available to the operator so that he or she can make the correct decision at the correct time. Furthermore, it should be shown that, in case of operator error, sufficient time and information are available so that the operator can correct the error, and that the consequences of such an error are acceptable.
2. Automatic transfer to the recirculation mode is preferable to manual transfer, for the reasons cited above, and should be provided for standard plant designs submitted for review on a generic basis under the Commission's standardization policy.

## **C. References**

1. IEEE Std 279-1971, "Criteria for Protection Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations."
2. IEEE Std 603-1991, "IEEE Standard Criteria for Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations."

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**PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT**

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**BTP 7-6**  
**Description of Changes**

**BTP 7-6, “Guidance on Design of Instrumentation and Controls Provided to Accomplish  
Changeover from Injection to Recirculation Mode”**

This BTP Section affirms the technical accuracy and adequacy of the guidance previously provided in BTP Section 7-6, Revision 5, dated March 2007. See ADAMS Accession Number ML070550095.

The main purpose of this update is to incorporate the revised software Regulatory Guides and the associated endorsed standards. For organizational purposes, the revision number of each Regulatory Guide and year of each endorsed standard is now listed in one place, Table 7-1. As a result, revisions of Regulatory Guides and years of endorsed standards were removed from this section, if applicable. For standards that are incorporated by reference into regulation (IEEE Std 279-1971 and IEEE Std 603-1991) and standards that have not been endorsed by the agency, the associated revision number or year is still listed in the discussion. Additional changes were editorial.