



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

**BRANCH TECHNICAL POSITION 7-9****GUIDANCE ON REQUIREMENTS FOR REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEM ANTICIPATORY TRIPS****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**

Several reactor designs have incorporated a number of anticipatory or "back-up" trips for which no credit was taken in the accident analyses. These trips, as a rule, were not designed to the

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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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requirements of IEEE Std 279-1971, "Criteria for Protection Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations," or IEEE Std 603-1991, "IEEE Standard Criteria for Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations," and therefore introduced non-safety-grade equipment into the reactor protection system. It was determined by the staff that this was not an acceptable practice, because of possible degradation of the reactor protection system.

## **B. Branch Technical Position**

All reactor trips incorporated in the reactor protection system should be designed to meet the requirements of IEEE Std 279-1971, or IEEE Std 603-1991. This position applies to the entire trip function, from the sensor to the final actuated device. For sensors located in non-seismic areas, the installation (including circuit routing) and design should be such that the effects of credible faults (i.e., grounding, shorting, application of high voltage, or electromagnetic interference) or failures in these areas could not be propagated back to the reactor protection system and degrade the reactor protection system performance or reliability. The sensors should be qualified to operate in a seismic event, i.e., not fail to initiate a trip for conditions which would cause a trip.

## **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 7-9**  
**Description of Changes**

**BTP 7-9, “GUIDANCE ON REQUIREMENTS FOR REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEM ANTICIPATORY TRIPS”**

This BTP Section affirms the technical accuracy and adequacy of the guidance previously provided in BTP Section 7-9, Revision 5, dated March 2007. See ADAMS Accession Number ML070550084.

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.