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General Comment

Rename Certified Fuel Handler

The title "certified fuel handler" is a misnomer. NRC staff had previously identified this issue and documented it in SECY-00-145, "Integrated Rulemaking Plan for Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning", Section D. Staffing and Training.

SECY-00-145 stated the following:

"The title 'certified fuel handler' implies a work scope limited to fuel handling. It is the opinion of the NRC staff that the position title certified fuel handler is a misnomer that can diminish the perception of this operator's responsibilities and duties (which involve much more than fuel handling). The staff-proposed rulemaking options would clarify the responsibilities of a certified fuel handler and rename the position."

"The certified fuel handler is intended to be the on-shift licensee representative who is not only responsible for safe fuel handling operations at a decommissioning plant, but is always present on shift to ensure the safe maintenance and storage of spent fuel and the overall safety of any decommissioning related activities at the facility."

Recommendation: NRC staff should follow thru on the original recommendation in SECY-00-145 and rename the title "certified fuel handler" (e.g., "certified fuel manager", "fuel management supervisor", "decommissioning shift manager").