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HEALTH PHYSICS ASPECTS OF THE NRC'S MAINTENANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM

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ABSTRACT

The objective of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) maintenance inspection program is to assess the effectiveness of the maintenance programs at all operating U.S. nuclear power plants. Over a three-year period, special NRC maintenance inspection teams evaluated the maintenance programs at 71 nuclear power stations. These inspections focused on 43 individual elements of each station's maintenance program. Because maintenance-related activities historically have accounted for approximately two-thirds of the station's total doses, the interface between the licensee's maintenance and health physics program is vital to effectively controlling a plant's occupational exposure. This paper will focus on the findings from the health physics inspection element of the maintenance inspection program.