

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY DRAFT SAFETY GUIDE
Notice of Availability of Draft for Public Comment

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is developing a limited number of internationally acceptable codes of practice and safety guides for nuclear power plants. These codes and guides will be developed in the following five areas: Government Organization, Siting, Design, Operation, and Quality Assurance. The purpose of these codes and guides is to provide IAEA guidance to countries beginning nuclear power programs.

The IAEA codes of practice and safety guides are developed in the following way. The IAEA receives and collates relevant existing information used by member countries. Using this collation as a starting point, an IAEA working group of a few experts then develops a preliminary draft. This preliminary draft is reviewed and modified by the IAEA Technical Review Committee to the extent necessary to develop a draft acceptable to them. This draft code of practice or safety guide is then sent to the IAEA Senior Advisory Group which reviews and modifies the draft as necessary to reach agreement on the draft and then forwards it to the IAEA Secretariat to obtain comments from the Member States. The Senior Advisory Group then considers the Member State comments, again modifies the draft as necessary to reach agreement and forwards it to the IAEA Director General with a recommendation that it be accepted.

As part of this program, Safety Guide SG-09, "Management of Nuclear Power Plants for Safe Operation," has been developed. An IAEA working group, consisting of Mr. H. Simons of the United Kingdom; Mr. J. Burtheret of France; and Mr. A. Higashi of Japan, developed the initial draft of this Safety Guide from

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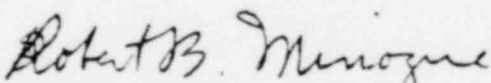
an IAEA collation during a meeting on March 24 - April 3, 1980. The initial draft was reviewed and modified by a second Working Group, consisting of Mr. A. Higashi of Japan; Mr. W. Hoffman of the Federal Republic of Germany; and Mr. G. V. Nadkarni of India, during a meeting on June 2-6, 1980, and we are soliciting public comment on it. Comments on this draft received by August 4, 1980, will be useful to the U.S. representatives to the Technical Review Committee and Senior Advisory Group in evaluating its adequacy prior to the next IAEA discussion.

Single copies of this draft may be obtained by a written request to the Director, Office of Standards Development, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

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