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NRC PLANS WORKSHOP ON MAINTENANCE RULE
INSPECTION PROCEDURE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a workshop on Tuesday, June 27, in St. Louis, Missouri, to discuss the results of nine pilot site visits that were conducted to assess the adequacy of the draft inspection procedure developed for use by NRC inspectors to verify the implementation of the agency's maintenance rule which will govern NRC-licensed nuclear power plants. The date of the maintenance rule becomes effective on July 10, 1996.

The draft NRC Inspection Procedure "Maintenance Inspection Procedure XXXXX" also is structured to verify conformance with the maintenance rule for licensees using NUMARC 93-01, "Industry Guidance for the Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," as implementing guidance.

At the workshop NRC representatives will present an overview of the pilot site visit program, revisions to the draft inspection procedure, and as applicable, issues related to the maintenance rule and the NUMARC 93-01 industry guidance. NRC regional inspection representatives will be available to participate in the discussions. The workshop will provide the participants opportunity to ask questions, make comments during the discussion or submit written comments for NRC consideration. Written comments received from interested parties unable to attend the workshop will also be considered through July 15, 1995. The workshop will conclude with a summary of the major issues identified at the meeting.

The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. at the Stouffers Concourse (Airport) Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri, 63134. In order to ensure that adequate seating is available, persons planning to attend the workshop are requested to either call or complete a registration form and send it to Ronald Frahm, Jr. M/S O-10-A-19 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Washington D.C. 20555. (301)-415-2986.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Stouffers Concourse Hotel, (314)-429-1100, for the convenience of meeting attendees. These rooms will be available at a reduced group rate until May 22, 1995. Attendees should identify themselves with the NRC Maintenance Workshop NRC-0626 in order to ensure the group rate. The NRC, however, does not encourage nor support frequenting this or any other specific establishment.

The original draft procedure "Maintenance Inspection Procedure XXXXX" is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555. A revised draft revision of the inspection procedure including changes from the previous workshop and lessons learned from the pilot site visits will be made available at the workshop for discussion.

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June 27, 1995

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