

The NRC issued, on December 9, 2008, final interim staff guidance (ISG)(DC/COL-ISG-08) that informs stakeholders of the information that needs to be incorporated into plant-specific technical specifications during the combined license (COL) review in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act "182a and 185b and 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52. A COL must include final plant-specific technical specifications, acceptable for governing plant operation within its design basis. A COL cannot include action (or information) items in the plant-specific technical specifications for the license holder to resolve after the COL is issued. Present and future COL applicants shall resolve all generic technical specification COL action (or information) items before COL issuance. The COL applicant may propose to resolve each such item using one of the following three options, listed in order of preference:

- (1) Provide a plant-specific value.
- (2) Provide a value that bounds the plant-specific value, but by which the plant may be safely operated (i.e., a useable bounding value).
- (3) Establish a plant-specific technical specifications Section 5.5 or 5.6 administrative controls program or report.

In accordance with the ISG, upcoming updates of Regulatory Guide 1.206 and SRP Section 16.0 will either clarify or correct affected sections of these documents dealing with the resolution of generic technical specification COL action items, which are described in Chapter 16 of the DCD of the design certification rule (or design certification application) referenced by the COL applicant.