

Item B-3: Event Categorization

DESCRIPTION

There are several inconsistencies in event categorization between the GDC, SRP, Standard Format, and applicant submissions. In addition, categorization by other groups such as ANSI and ANS is not always consistent with NRC positions. In several cases, applicants have proposed that certain events be categorized as accidents (which would permit limited fuel damage) whereas the staff categorizes them as anticipated transients.

This NUREG-0471¹ task will categorize the postulated transients and accidents and define acceptance criteria for the various categories. The result will be an improved licensing process and possible relief from current restrictive requirements for some licensees.

CONCLUSION

The categorization and definition of acceptance criteria are part of the staff routine activities such as revising the SRP.² Thus, this Licensing Issue should be dropped from further consideration.³

¹ NUREG-0471, "Generic Task Problem Descriptions (Categories B, C, and D)," U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, June 1978.

² NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, (1st Ed.) November 1975, (2nd Ed.) March 1980, (3rd Ed.) July 1981.

³ Memorandum for T. Speis from J. Funches, "Prioritization of Generic Issues—Environmental and Licensing Improvements," February 24, 1983. [8303090540]

