

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Week of December 2

*Friday, December 6*

9:30 a.m.

Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) (Public Meeting)

(Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

11:00 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)  
(Please Note: This item will be affirmed immediately following the conclusion of the preceding meeting.)

a. Certification of Two Evolutionary Designs (tentative)

(Contact: Andy Bates, 301-415-1663)

Week of December 9—Tentative

*Thursday, December 12*

3:30 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of December 16—Tentative

*Monday, December 16*

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Inspection Criteria, Evolution of Assessment, and SALP System (Public Meeting)

*Tuesday, December 17*

2:00 p.m.

Meeting with Chairman of Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee (NSRRC) (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Jose Cortez, 301-415-6596)

3:00 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)

Week of December 23—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 23.

By a vote of 4-0 on November 22, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of Petitions for Commission Review of Director's Decision on Certification of Gaseous Diffusion Plants" be Held on November 22, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (Recording)—(301) 415-1292.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:  
<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the

Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [wmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

Dated: November 29, 1996.

William M. Hill, Jr.

*SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.*

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### Updated Standard Review Plan Chapter 7: Availability

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has prepared an update to Chapter 7 of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," (SRP) for review and comments. The updated SRP Chapter 7 incorporates changes in the NRC review criteria in the area of instrumentation and control (I&C) systems, particularly digital computer-based I&C systems of nuclear power plants that have occurred since the last major revision of the SRP in 1981.

The revisions were derived from the following programmatic areas: NRC regulatory documents issued after the 1981 SRP revision; NRC staff positions related to digital I&C retrofits at operating nuclear power plants as documented in relevant safety evaluation reports; industry consensus standards applicable to I&C systems; NRC staff positions related to evolutionary and advanced light water reactor design reviews as presented in SECY-91-292, "Digital Computer Systems for Advanced Light Water Reactors," and the Staff Requirements Memorandum on SECY-93-087, "Policy, Technical, and Licensing Issues Pertaining to Evolutionary and Advanced Light Water Reactor (ALWR) Designs;" NRC design certification safety evaluation reports for the General Electric Advanced Boiling Water Reactor Design and the ABB-CE System 80+ Design; and nuclear power plant operating experience.

**DATES:** The comment period expires January 31, 1997. Comments received after this date will be considered if practical to do so, but the Commission

is able to assure consideration only of comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail comments to: Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publication Services, Mail Stop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal work-days. Comments may be submitted electronically as specified in the supplementary information section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Matthew Chiramal, Instrumentation and Controls Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Mail Stop O-8H3, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Telephone No. (301) 415-2845.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed revised text to Chapter 7 of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants—LWR Edition," (SRP), is being published as a draft report for comments. Further NRC staff review and evaluation, including resolution of public comments, will be needed before a final revision of Chapter 7 of the SRP can be published.

The draft Chapter 7 of the SRP that is available for public review consists of revised SRP sections and appendices with side-bars that show the major technical changes resulting from the updating of the existing SRP Chapter 7 sections and new sections, appendices and branch technical positions. Three new sections are added: Section 7.0, Introduction, Section 7.8, Diverse Instrumentation and Control Systems, and Section 7.9, Data Communication Systems. Section 7.1 which contains the general I&C system requirements and guidance has been revised to incorporate (1) references to new regulatory guides (RGs) and branch technical positions (BTPs) on digital computer-based I&C system issues, (2) review areas, acceptance criteria, and review process for digital computer-based I&C systems, and (3) discussion of standard plant reviews. Sections 7.2 through 7.9 that focus on specific nuclear power plant I&C systems have been revised to add reference to the digital I&C system guidance contained in the revised Section 7.1. Two new appendices have been added and three have been revised. Appendix 7.0-A is a new appendix that describes the overall NRC review process for digital computer-based I&C systems and new Appendix 7.1-C provides guidance with

respect to the NRC review according to IEEE Standard 603. Revised Appendix 7.1-A addresses rule changes (10 CFR Part 52 and revisions to 10 CFR Part 50) and identifies new regulatory guides on the digital system design process. Revised Appendix 7.1-B incorporates digital I&C system topics into the review for compliance with the requirements of IEEE Standard 279 as stated in 10 CFR 50.55a(h). Revised Appendix 7-A includes the new BTPs.

The updated SRP Chapter 7 does not, by itself, establish any new or revised requirements. It incorporates lessons learned from the completed reviews of I&C systems in the advanced light water reactors and digital I&C system retrofits of operating reactors. The review guidance described in the updated SRP Chapter 7 will be used by the NRC staff in the evaluation of submittals in connection with applications for construction permits, standard design certifications and design approvals, combined operating licenses, and operating plant license amendments.

Work related to updating SRP Chapter 7 was performed in accordance with the guidance in NUREG-1447, "Standard Review Plan Update and Development Program—Implementing Procedures Document," dated May 1992.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on whether the revised text accurately and fully reflects established NRC staff review criteria, positions and existing regulations. The updated draft SRP Chapter 7 and the supporting referenced documents provide traceability back to the changes made to the SRP Chapter 7 currently in effect. The draft SRP Chapter 7 is made available to the public as part of the NRC's policy to inform the nuclear industry and the general public of regulatory procedures and policies. Comments will be considered and revisions made to the draft SRP Chapter 7 as appropriate based on the comments received. The final SRP Chapter 7 update will be issued in approximately mid-1997. SRP Chapter 7 will be revised periodically, as appropriate, to accommodate future new technologies, information, and experience. The NRC encourages comment from interested parties; however, public review is not intended to reopen a dialogue on the merits of the requirements themselves, but should be focused on the purpose stated above. The NRC also requests specific comments on whether an appropriate level of detailed guidance has been provided for the NRC staff reviewers in the proposed Chapter 7 update particularly with regard to digital I&C review criteria.

#### Electronic Submission of Comments

The draft SRP Chapter 7 can be accessed from the NRC Homepage on the World Wide Web—URL: <http://www.nrc.gov> under the "News and Information" or the "Nuclear Reactors" menu options by selecting "Standard Review Plan Chapter 7, Instrumentation and Controls—Draft report for comments." Specific guidance is provided on-line to guide the user on the various options available for reading, commenting on, and downloading the document.

Chapter 7 of the SRP is available in printed form on paper for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555.

A limited number of copies of the draft SRP Chapter 7 in the printed form on paper are available free, to the extent of supply, upon written request to the Office of Administration, Distribution Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of November, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
Jared Wermiel,  
*Chief, Instrumentation and Controls Branch,  
Division of Reactor Controls and Human  
Factors, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*  
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#### OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

##### The National Partnership Council

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**TIME AND DATE:** 1:00 p.m., December 11, 1996.

**PLACE:** OPM Conference Center, Room 1350, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415-0001. The conference center is located on the first floor.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals with special access needs wishing to attend should contact OPM at the number shown below to obtain appropriate accommodations.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The National Partnership Council (NPC) will approve and adopt its 1996 Report to the President and will work on its strategic action plan and meeting calendar for 1997.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Michael Cushing, Director, Center for Partnership and Labor-Management Relations, Office of Personnel Management, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 7H28, Washington, DC 20415-0001, (202) 606-0010.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We invite interested persons and organizations to submit written comments. Mail or deliver your comments to Michael Cushing at the address shown above. To be considered at the December 11 meeting, written comments should be received by December 6.

Office of Personnel Management

James B. King,

*Director.*

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#### RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

##### Proposed Data Collection Available for Public Comment and Recommendations

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

**COMMENTS ARE INVITED ON:** (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

##### Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Employer's Quarterly Report of Contributions Under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; OMB 3220-0012. Under Section 8 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), as amended by the Railroad Unemployment Improvement Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-647), the amount of each employer's contribution is determined by the RRB, primarily on the basis of RUIA benefit payments made to the employees of that employer. These experience based contributions take into account the frequency, volume