

**From:** Gilbert Millman  
**To:** Ann Beranek  
**Date:** 12/21/01 2:27PM  
**Subject:** Request to Publish RG1.78

Please publish RG 1.78, "Evaluating the Habitability of a Nuclear Power Plant Control Room During a Postulated Hazardous Chemical Release." This document has been reviewed by RES staff against: 1) the draft criteria, presently at the Commission for approval, for discretionary release of information to the public, and 2) factors for staff consideration provided by the EDO in a memorandum dated December 5, 2001. Based on this sensitivity review it has been determined that the content of RG 1.78 is benign and contains no sensitive information that can be misused by those with malevolent intentions toward NRC-regulated facilities and activities. The results of the review have been approved by Thomas King, the cognizant RES Division Director.

The approval and the results of the sensitivity review are attached.

If there are any questions or comments, please contact me at x5843.

Gil Millman

**CC:** Anthony Hsia; Charles Ader; Jack Rosenthal; Jennifer Uhle; Mabel Lee; Mindy Landau; Roy Zimmerman; Thomas King; Walter Oliu

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**From:** Thomas King  
**To:** Gilbert Millman  
**Date:** 12/21/01 1:28PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: RG1.78

Gil - I agree with this assessment.

**From:** Jack Rosenthal  
**To:** Thomas King  
**Date:** 12/21/01 12:56PM  
**Subject:** RG1.78

Please review the attachment, approve, and forward to Milman stating your approval.

**CC:** Sudhamay Basu

Publication of Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 1.78, "Evaluating the Habitability of a Nuclear power Plant Control Room During a Postulated Hazardous Chemical Release," has been halted because of new Commission criteria for release of information to the public. I have reviewed the document against the Commission's draft criteria and guidelines in EDO's memo dated December 5, 2001, and have determined that the content of the report is benign and contains no sensitive information that can be used to support malevolent activities. The regulatory guide does not contain information covered by the Commission draft criteria. Specifically,

1. There is no plant specific information in the guide that might be used to exploit plant specific and site specific features including equipment and facility locations.
2. No specific facility location or site location is mentioned in the guide.
3. There is no information in the guide on physical barriers, vulnerabilities, or potential weaknesses relative to a plant site.
4. There is no information in the guide regarding construction details of facilities.
5. No information on defeat or breach of barriers with regard to a plant or site is mentioned in the guide.
6. No information on quantities of radioactive materials, present or authorized, is mentioned in the guide.

Please forward this information to Gill Millman with your recommendation that the regulatory guide be published.

**From:** Gilbert Millman  
**To:** Sudhamay Basu  
**Date:** 12/21/01 10:58AM  
**Subject:** Release of RG 1.78

Please indicate specifically what guidelines you used to review RG 1.78 for release of nonsensitive information. [The guidelines should be: 1) the draft criteria, presently at the Commission for approval, for discretionary release of information to the public, and 2) factors for staff consideration provided by the EDO in a memorandum dated December 5, 2001] I need this information and an approval from Tom King to request issuance of the subject RG. Thanks. Gil

>>> Sudhamay Basu 12/13/01 09:50AM >>>

Tom,

Jack asked me to send you this e-mail stating that he reviewed RG 1.78 in accordance with the guidelines for release of non-sensitive document, and determined that RG 1.78 may be published. I believe now you have to forward a similar statement to Gill Millman and/or Mabel Lee, and I believe Roy Zimmerman will take the next step.

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**CC:** Ann Beranek; Jack Rosenthal; Mabel Lee; Thomas King