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SUBJECT: STATUS OF TSTF 343, 479, 482, 485

The NRC is addressing four travelers which had previously been submitted by the Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF). The suggested changes to the Standard Technical Specifications (STS) were corrections and administrative updates in the STS (NUREGs 1430-1434) and make the STS reflect changes in 10 CFR Part 50. The changes will be incorporated into revision 3.1 of the STS.

TSTF - 343, Rev. 1, "Containment Structural Integrity" proposed to revise the Pre-Stressed Containment Surveillance Program and Containment Leakage Rate Program in the STS to reflect changes made to 10 CFR 50.55a in 1996. The final rule became effective on September 9, 1996, and required licensees to implement Subsection IWE and IWL of Section XI, Div. I of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. The staff concluded that the proposed revision to adopt the changes in 10 CFR 50.55a was acceptable, since the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a adequately provided for the testing of containment leakage and containment tendons.

TSTF - 479, Rev. 0, "Changes to reflect Revisions of 10 CFR 50.55a," proposed to revise references in the Technical Specification Administrative Controls Inservice Test Program and Bases (e.g. from "ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section X" to "ASME code for Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants") thereby reflecting the current edition of the Code specified in 10 CFR 50.55a(b). Section XI of the ASME Code was revised to provide updated requirements for the inservice inspection and inservice testing of components. The Technical Specification Inservice Testing Program was revised to indicate that the provision of SR 3.0.2 are applicable to other IST Frequencies that are not specified in the program. The Inservice Testing program may have frequencies for testing that are based on risk and do not conform to standard testing frequencies specified in the TS. The staff concluded that the proposed revision to adopt the changes in 10 CFR 50.55a is acceptable, since the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a adequately provide for the inservice testing.

TSTF - 482, Rev., "Correct LCO 3.0.6 Bases" proposed to correct the bases to be consistent with the statements in LCO 3.0.6. The change is a correction. LCO 3.0.6 stated, "When a supported system LCO is not met solely due to a support system LCO not being met, the Conditions and Required Actions associated with this supported system are not required to be entered. Only the support system LCO ACTIONS are required to be entered. This is an exception to LCO 3.0.2 for the supported system." However, the LCO 3.0.6 Bases incorrectly stated "LCO 3.0.6 establishes an exception to LCO 3.0.2 for support systems that have an LCO specified in the Technical Specifications (TS)." As stated in 10 CFR 50.36(a), the bases are not part of the technical specifications and a licensee may change the bases in accordance with its TS Bases Control Program or similar change management process, typically without a license amendment or other NRC approval. The staff reviewed the changes proposed in TSTF 482 and concluded that it was acceptable.

TSTF - 485, Rev. 0, "Correct Example 1.4-1" proposed to change Example 1.4-1, which was used to demonstrate a surveillance frequency. TSTF - 485 proposed to revise Section 1.4, Frequency, Example 1.4-1, to be consistent with the requirements of SR 3.0.4. The staff reviewed the changes in TSTF 485 and concluded that it was acceptable.

Sincerely,

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