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The Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) submitted TSTF-493, Revision 0, "Clarify Application of Setpoint Methodology for LSSS Functions" to Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in a letter dated January 27, 2006. The changes pertain to Standard Technical Specifications (NUREGs-1431-1434) and Bases. The proposed TSTF-493, Rev. 0 provides industry recommendations responding to the NRC staff concern that technical specification requirements for limiting safety system setting may not be in full compliance with 10 CFR 50.36, "Technical Specifications."

The NRC staff conducted a review of TSTF-493 Rev. 0 and provided requests for additional information (RAIs) to the TSTF by posting one RAI on the Excel Services licensing database for TSTF-493, Rev. 0 on March 22, 2006, and another on March 28, 2006. Since March 28, 2006, the NRC staff has not received a response to the RAIs in the licensing database.

During a February 23, 2006 public meeting with the TSTF, the NRC staff announced its intention to institute a more disciplined review process for TSTFs, including closing out NRC staff reviews for TSTFs where no industry responses have been received within 90 days. Consistent with this process, the NRC staff is closing out its review of TSTF-493, Rev. 0 due to lack of industry response. As part of this action NRC staff will permanently close out TAC MD0308.

In the future, should the TSTF respond to TSTF-493 comments and RAIs the NRC staff will open a new, non-fee billable TAC for work associated with the review of this information. The NRC staff will also provide TSTF with new target completion dates.

If you have any questions related to this issue or action please contact Carl Schulten at (301) 415-1192 or e-mail css1@nrc.gov.

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