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Meeting Minutes

A meeting between NRC and the Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) was held on July 19, 2007, to discuss TSTF Travelers under consideration for submission by the TSTF, to review in-process TSTF Travelers, and to discuss NRC administrative processes associated with TSTF Travelers. The meeting followed the proposed agenda provided in a June 27, 2007, Public Meeting Notice (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML071770240) as amended by the meeting participants. The following is a brief summary of the meeting.

I. Administrative

New members of the TSTF were introduced to NRC staff and the public.

The TSTF formally withdrew its request of November 29, 2006, for a Pre-Submittal Meeting regarding a TSTF Traveler to Address Main Steam Isolation Valve Operability. The TSTF also withdrew its request of August 9, 2005, for NRC Endorsement of TSTF GG 05 01, Writer's Guide for Plant-Specific Improved Technical Specifications.

The TSTF presented the handout "Questions on NRC Review Fees (ADAMS No. ML072000473)." The TSTF stated that review fees for some Travelers are not commensurate with the expected complexity of the review. The NRC will attempt to include an estimate of review hours in the acceptance letters of future Travelers.

The TSTF noted that several Travelers for Boiling Water Reactors (BWRs) have not been billed for review. NRC stated that the Office of the Chief Financial Officer is currently examining the very same issue.

II. Process

NRC presented the handout "TSTF Status Spreadsheet for July 2007 meeting (ADAMS No. ML072000474)." NRC requested that future correspondence involving revised Travelers cite dates of prior applications and revisions. The TSTF pointed out that the data being requested is contained in the Traveler Change Description section of a Traveler. The TSTF will make an effort to include the same information in cover letters of revised Traveler submittals.

NRC and the TSTF discussed the usefulness of periodic technical calls. Both parties were in agreement that periodic technical calls would improve the Traveler process. NRC will attempt to set up a bimonthly technical call with the TSTF.

The TSTF requested that NRC communicate slippage of Federal Register Notice of Availability (NOA) dates as soon as practically possible. NRC explained that part of the process for publishing NOAs in the Federal Register is beyond NRC control. NRC will give the TSTF the expected date of final signature of approval of the Technical Specifications Branch Chief.

NRC briefed the TSTF on the status of LIC-601, "Technical Specification Conversion Accelerated Review." NRC stated that LIC-601 is being revised concurrent with the Davis-Besse Technical Specification (TS) Conversion project.

NRC and the TSTF discussed the timing of Traveler submittals when supporting Topical Report (TR) review completion would be a necessary prerequisite. NRC feels submittal of a Traveler after resolution of issues in a supporting TR is a better approach than submitting both Traveler and TR at the same time. TSTF feels that by submitting TRs with a reference to the TSTF Traveler and submitting the TSTF Traveler after the NRC issues the TR acceptance and schedule letter will result in a more timely review of both documents, and will avoid conflicts between the TR, the TR approval, and the TSTF Traveler. The TSTF will submit TSTF-426 in this manner. NRC will add a scheduling milestone for the expected TR approval date to its Traveler review scheduling tools. NRC and the TSTF agreed that they will have to work more closely on Travelers supported by TRs.

The TSTF presented the handout "NFC Comments. (ADAMS No. ML072000467)." The TSTF pointed out that several recurring comments were being made during the public comment solicitation period for Travelers. The TSTF requested a meeting with the NRC to discuss the comments and to ensure model applications, model safety evaluations, and model no significant hazard determinations posted for comment are composed in a manner that will reduce the possibility of receiving recurring comments.

III. Specific TSTF Traveler Issues

The NRC briefed the TSTF on the recent availability notice for TSTF-448 "Control Room Habitability." The NRC stated that the Traveler was meant to be utilized as part of the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process (CLIIP) only for plants with pressurized control rooms. Recent submittals from some licensees with non pressurized control rooms have requested to adopt TSTF-448 using the CLIIP.

The TSTF requested a shorter review schedule for TSTF-425 "Relocate Surveillance Frequencies to Licensee Control - RITSTF Initiative 5." The TSTF feels the review of this Traveler is not technically complex. The NRC reminded the TSTF that the review of the TR associated with the Traveler will be performed by personnel outside the Technical Specifications Branch and the long lead time portion of the Traveler review is the TR review. NRC stated the TR review is forcing the June 2008 date for expected Notice of Availability. The TSTF also stated its concerns that NRC staff turnover may cause review time lines to lengthen. NRC stated that a more aggressive review time line won't be possible, but staff turnover will not have an affect on the length of the review time line.

The TSTF requested a shorter review schedule for TSTF-493 "Clarify Application of Setpoint Methodology for LSSS Functions." NRC stated that a shorter review schedule would not be possible. NRC noted that Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) will be on-time and that RAIs are chiefly related to Bases. Furthermore, to expedite the TSTF RAI response, Bases changes are being provided as a markup of the TSTF Bases files using MS Word reviewer text format. NRC suggested a meeting to discuss

NRC's RAIs. The TSTF agreed that a meeting would be helpful.

NRC briefed the TSTF about possibly denying TSTF-495 "Bases Change to Address GE Part 21 SC05-03 (Non-CLIPed)." The Technical branch performing the review feels that while a bases change looks simple, upon further review the bases change would cause the TS to change in a manner that is more than just an administrative change. The Technical Specifications Branch feels that the bases change should be made pursuant to 10CFR50.59, not a Traveler. The TSTF felt the statement change to the bases section of TS warranted increased interaction with the NRC, and a Traveler was the best vehicle to achieve that interaction. The TSTF requested a meeting on the review of TSTF-495 to present its justification in more detail. NRC feels a meeting is not necessary.

The TSTF briefed NRC on licensee responses to staff RAIs related to incorporation of TSTF-400. The TSTF feels a change to TSTF-400, which has been issued, is not necessary. However, the NRC RAIs and licensee responses have been posted with TSTF-400 on the TSTF's website to assist licensees pursuing adoption of TSTF-400 in the future.

IV. CLIP Status

The TSTF presented the handout "Industry CLIP Status 2007 (ADAMS No. ML072000459)." The TSTF reiterated that it feels the CLIP continues to be successful.

V. Future Planning & Priorities

The TSTF briefed NRC on its plans to have TSTF-500, an update of TSTF-360 "DC Electrical Rewrite," submitted to NRC by late August 2007. The TSTF requested an NRC approval date prior to 2008 to make the Traveler available for the Davis-Besse TS Conversion project.

The TSTF briefed NRC on its plans to have TSTF-501 "Relocate Stored Fuel Oil and Lube Oil Volume Values to Licensee Control," submitted to NRC by late July 2007. NRC pointed out that some Emergency Diesel Generators (EDGs) may not be capable of carrying design accident electrical loads because of the lower heat content of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) fuel. NRC asked if it may be necessary for plants to revise their Fuel Oil Testing programs, since uniform mixing of ULSD and conventional diesel fuels will not occur in fuel oil storage tanks. The TSTF stated that Information Notice 200622 "New Ultra-low-sulfur Diesel Fuel Oil Could Adversely Impact Diesel Engine Performance," did not suggest changes to Fuel Oil Testing programs and the TSTF does not believe any changes are necessary.

The TSTF deferred discussion on a Traveler to Revise SG Tube Inspection Program inspection end points to a future meeting.

The TSTF inquired as to whether NRC planned to have staff attend a meeting to review Excel Service's Industry Training Program on ISTS Usage Rules. NRC stated it would

consider sending staff depending on staff availability levels.

VI. Next Meeting

A tentative date of November 1, 2007, was set for the next Public TSTF Traveler Status meeting.

VII. Public Participation Invited

No public input received

VIII. Containment Gaseous Radiation Monitor Leakage Detection Capability

The TSTF presented the handout "Proposed TS for RCS Leakage Detection. (ADAMS No. ML072000471)." The TSTF pointed out the addition of a new condition that would require a 7 day completion time in the situation of having only a gaseous radiation detection channel available as a means of leakage detection. NRC will work with the TSTF to facilitate a meeting between NRC technical branch staff and the TSTF.

IX. Public Participation Invited

No public input received

X. Adjourn

July 19, 2007 NRC-TSTF Meeting Attendance

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