

10 TREATMENT OF FSAR INFORMATION UNIQUE TO 10 CFR PART 52

Design certification rules place certain restrictions on a licensee's ability to modify or remove information from the UFSAR. For nuclear power plants licensed under 10 CFR Part 52 referencing a certified design, the UFSAR contains information as specified in 10 CFR 52.47(a) and 10 CFR 52.79. FSAR information for a design certification application is presented in the form of a generic design control document that includes Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 2* information.¹ The generic DCD is modified and supplemented by a COL applicant with plant-specific departures and exemptions made under Section VIII² of the applicable design certification rule and becomes a plant-specific DCD. The licensee's UFSAR consists of the plant-specific DCD plus plant-specific FSAR content.³

Due to special change control requirements under Part 52, guidance in this document, including Appendix A guidance on making voluntary modifications to UFSARs, applies only to the Tier 2 and plant-specific FSAR content.

As discussed in Section A6, voluntary modifications to Tier 2 that improve focus, clarity and maintainability of the plant-specific DCD are considered departures from the generic DCD and should be reported to NRC in accordance with Section X of the design certification rule.

10 CFR 52, Design Certification Rules, e.g., Appendix D, Section VIII.B.6.c, define certain Tier 2* information that will revert to Tier 2 information after the plant achieves full power for the first time. After the plant achieves power for the first time, the UFSAR should be modified to remove brackets, remove asterisk, and change the font of the affected information. This type of reformatting change does not require a formal simplified evaluation (screening) to be performed because the change in information classification is prescribed by the design certification rule. Licensees have the flexibility to not make these changes to the UFSAR until the last unit of a multi-unit site achieves full power.

¹ Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 2* information is defined in each design certification rule.

² Regulatory guidance for departures and exemptions is contained in NEI 96-07, Appendix C, *Guideline for Implementation of Change Processes for New Nuclear Power Plants Licensed Under 10 CFR Part 52*.

³ Regulatory guidance for changes to site-specific FSAR content is contained in NEI 96-07, *Guidelines for 10 CFR 50.59 Implementation*.