

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Cancellation of Proposed Generic Communication

Licensee Qualification for Performing Safety Analyses (M91599)

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of proposed generic communication

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) was preparing to issue a supplement to Generic Letter 83-11, Licensee Qualification for Performing Safety Analyses, for the purpose of presenting criteria that licensees could choose to comply with to verify to the NRC their qualifications to use approved codes and methods for performing safety analyses. By complying with these criteria, a licensee would eliminate the need to submit a topical report for qualifying their use of a previously approved methodology. A draft of the supplement and a notice of opportunity for public comment was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 54712) on October 25, 1995. Comments were received from 12 licensees, 3 fuel vendors, and 3 industry interest groups.

Because of issues that have arisen at a nuclear power reactor facility regarding the improper application of approved methods, and because of increased complexities in core reload analyses due to mixed core designs, the NRC has reevaluated its plans to issue this generic letter supplement. The NRC has concluded that the potential reduction in staff oversight which would result from its issuance is not justified. Therefore, the generic letter supplement has been cancelled.

DATES: (Not applicable)

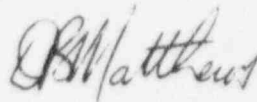
ADDRESSEES: (Not applicable)

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: (Not applicable)

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of October 1996.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. B. Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

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