

3.17 No Undue Risk to Public Health and Safety

The underlying purpose of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.G is to ensure that at least one means of achieving and maintaining hot shutdown remains available during and following a postulated fire event. Based on the above, no new accident precursors are created by the use of the specific OMA, in conjunction with the other installed fire protection features, in response to a fire in the analyzed fire areas. Therefore, the probability of postulated accidents is not increased. Also based on the above, the consequences of postulated accidents are not increased. Therefore, there is no undue risk to public health and safety.

3.18 Consistent with Common Defense and Security

This exemption would allow MPS2 to credit the use of the specific OMA, in conjunction with the other installed fire protection features, in response to a fire in the analyzed fire areas, discussed above, in lieu of meeting the requirements specified in III.G.2. This change, to the operation of the plant, has no relation to security issues. Therefore, the common defense and security is not diminished by this exemption.

3.19 Special Circumstances

One of the special circumstances described in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) is that the application of the regulation is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. The underlying purpose of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.G is to ensure that at least one means of achieving and maintaining hot shutdown remains available during and following a postulated fire event. While the licensee does not comply with the explicit requirements of III.G.2 specifically, they do meet the underlying purpose of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, and Section III.G as a whole. Therefore, special circumstances exist that warrant the issuance of this exemption as required by 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii).

4.0 Conclusion

Based on the all of the features of the defense-in-depth concept discussed above, the NRC staff concludes that the use of the requested OMA, in these particular instances and in conjunction with the other installed fire protection features, in lieu of strict compliance with the requirements of III.G.2 is consistent with the underlying purpose of the rule. As such, the level of safety present at MPS2 is commensurate with

the established safety standards for nuclear power plants.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, is consistent with the common defense and security and that special circumstances are present to warrant issuance of the exemption. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants Dominion an exemption from the requirements of Section III.G.2 of Appendix R of 10 CFR Part 50, to utilize the OMA discussed above at MPS2.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (77 FR 39746).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of July 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michele G. Evans,

Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Final Standard Review Plan, Branch Technical Position 7-19 on Guidance for Evaluation of Diversity and Defense-in-Depth in Digital Computer-Based Instrumentation and Control Systems

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) staff is issuing Final Revision 6 to NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," Branch Technical Position (BTP) 7-19 on "Guidance for Evaluation of Diversity and Defense-in-Depth in Digital Computer-Based Instrumentation and Control Systems." This BTP is to be cited as the acceptance criteria for Diversity and Defense-in-Depth in Digital Computer-Based Instrumentation and Control Systems in the Standard Review Plan (SRP), Chapter 7, for those standard reactor designs that have not been certified prior to the date of this BTP. The purpose of this SRP update is

to provide staff guidance for assessing combined license (COL) applicant compliance with the requirements.

DATES: The effective date of this SRP update is August 23, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2010-0138 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publicly available by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2010-0138. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly-available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this notice (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. The Final Revision 6 to NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," Branch Technical Position (BTP) 7-19 on "Guidance for Evaluation of Diversity and Defense-in-Depth in Digital Computer-Based Instrumentation and Control Systems" (*Package*) (ADAMS Accession No. ML110550767), Final Revision 6 to NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," Branch Technical Position (BTP) 7-19 on "Guidance for Evaluation of Diversity and Defense-in-Depth in Digital Computer-Based Instrumentation and Control Systems," (ADAMS Accession No. ML110550791), and Comment Response Document for BTP 7-19, (ADAMS Accession No. ML120830075).

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

- The NRC posts its issued staff guidance on the NRC's external Web page (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr0800/>).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC staff issues SRPs and BTPs to facilitate timely implementation of current staff guidance and to facilitate activities associated with the review of applications for design certifications and combined licenses by the Office of New Reactors. Additionally, the SRPs and BTPs are used by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation staff in the review of applications for license amendments in currently operating nuclear power plants. The NRC staff will also incorporate the revised SRP section and BTP 7-19 into the next revision of Regulatory Guide 1.206 and any related guidance documents.

On March 19, 2010, the NRC staff issued the proposed Revision 6 of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants: LWR Edition," BTP 7-19 on "Guidance for Evaluation of Diversity and Defense-in-Depth in Digital Computer-Based Instrumentation and Control Systems" (ADAMS Accession No. ML093490771). The NRC staff considered comments received on the proposed revision to BTP 7-19 as well as recommendations from the ACRS, and incorporated the changes suggested in the comments in this final issuance. The NRC staff responses to these comments can be found under ADAMS Accession No. ML120830075.

Backfitting: This SRP update does not constitute backfitting as defined in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.109, nor is it inconsistent with any of the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR Part 52. This SRP does not contain any new requirements for COL applicants or holders under Part 52, or for licensees of existing operating units licensed under part 50. Rather, it contains additional guidance and clarification on compliance with 10 CFR 52.79(a)(31), which may be used by COL applicants in the preparation of their applications.

Congressional Review Act: This SRP update is a rule as designated in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801-808). However, OMB has not found it to be a major rule as designated in the Congressional Review Act.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of July 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Chief, Policy Branch, Division of Advanced Reactors and Rulemaking, Office of New Reactors.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2012-0002]

Notice of Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2012.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of July 23, 2012

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of July 23, 2012.

Week of July 30, 2012—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of July 30, 2012.

Week of August 6, 2012—Tentative

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

9:00 a.m. Briefing on the Status of Lessons Learned from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Monninger, 301-415-0610).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

Week of August 13, 2012—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of August 13, 2012.

Week of August 20, 2012—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of August 20, 2012.

Week of August 27, 2012—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of August 27, 2012.

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* The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings, call (recording)—301-415-1292.

Contact person for more information: Rochelle Baval, 301-415-1651.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

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Dated: July 19, 2012.

Rochelle C. Baval,
Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Aguilar, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2012 will be:

- Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;
- Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;
- Adjudicatory matters; and