

efficiency assumed in Virginia Electric and Power Company's design-basis dose analysis.

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*Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-4 and NPF-7:* Amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

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No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of December 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series, with its related Standard Review Plan section. The Regulatory Guide Series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1096 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is titled "Transient and Accident Analysis Methods." This guide is being developed to describe a process that is acceptable to the NRC staff for the development and assessment of evaluation models that may be used to analyze transient and accident behavior.

Draft Standard Review Plan Section 15.0.2, "Review of Analytical Computer Codes," is being developed to describe

the review process for NRC staff and acceptance criteria for analytical models and computer codes used by licensees to analyze accident and transient behavior. This draft Standard Review Plan (SRP) section is intended to become Section 15.0.2 of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants."

This draft guide and draft standard review plan section have not received complete staff approval and do not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments on both documents may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD; the PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555; telephone (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4209; fax (301) 415-3548; email <PDR@NRC.GOV>. Comments will be most helpful if received by February 15, 2001.

You may also provide comments or access these documents via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail [CAG@NRC.GOV](mailto:CAG@NRC.GOV). Electronic copies of this draft guide, under Accession Number ML003770849, are available in NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room, which can also be accessed through NRC's web site, [WWW.NRC.GOV](http://WWW.NRC.GOV). For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. N. Lauben at (301) 415-6762; e-mail [GNL1@NRC.GOV](mailto:GNL1@NRC.GOV). For information about the draft standard review plan section, contact Mr. J.L. Staudenmeier at (301) 415-2869, email [JLS4@NRC.GOV](mailto:JLS4@NRC.GOV); or Mr. M.A. Shuaibi at (301) 415-2859, email [MAS4@NRC.GOV](mailto:MAS4@NRC.GOV).

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of November 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Retirement Plan for Manually Set Postage Meters

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of final plan.

**SUMMARY:** This notice of the final plan for the retirement of manually set postage meters clarifies the second phase of the plan to take postage metering to a higher level of security. The Postal Service recently completed the first phase of an overall Postal Service plan with the decertification of mechanical postage meters. Upon completion of the four phases of this plan, all meters in service will offer enhanced levels of security, thereby greatly reducing the Postal Service's exposure to meter fraud, misuse, and loss of revenue.

**DATES:** May 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicholas S. Stankosky, 703-292-3703.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1995 the Postal Service, in cooperation with all authorized postage meter manufacturers, began a phase-out, or decertification, of all mechanical postage meters because of identified cases of indiscernible tampering and misuse. Postal revenues were proven to be at serious risk. The completion of this effort, which resulted in the withdrawal of 776,000 mechanical meters from service, completed Phase I of the proposed plan for secure postage meter technology. Recent advances in postage meter technology offer high