

DG-1074 guidance and the industry NEI 97-06 approach. As a result of these technical interactions, the staff is already familiar with industry's comments regarding the DG-1074 guidance. In order to minimize expenditure of additional industry resources for commenting on the DG-1074 guidance, the staff intends to consider as comments the information that the industry has provided in prior public meetings on this subject and suggests that industry reference previous interactions and submittals wherever possible as providing its comments. However, to date the public has not had an opportunity to comment on the DG-1074 guidance. Accordingly, this **Federal Register** announcement provides an opportunity for the public, as a whole, to provide comments on the DG-1074 guidance. The staff will consider the public comments both in its efforts to finalize the regulatory guidance and in its continuing interactions with industry regarding NEI 97-06.

In addition, two documents in regard to a differing professional opinion (DPO) concerning steam generator tube integrity have been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room: a document containing the NRC staff's consideration of the DPO and a memorandum to the Commission from J. Hopfenfeld dated September 25, 1998.¹ The NRC staff requests public comments on the technical issues in these documents. The DPO consideration document discusses how the staff considered the issues of the DPO during the development of the DG-1074 guidance. The September 25, 1998, memorandum informs the Commission of the DPO author's continuing concerns about steam generator tube integrity. The DPO author's memorandum to the Commission was sent after the NRC staff completed the DPO consideration document; consequently the DPO consideration document was not revised to reflect the contents of the memorandum. By making this memorandum publicly available, the NRC is not endorsing the memorandum nor its contents and is instead providing this additional information to enable the public to comment on the technical issues contained therein.

The draft guide does not represent an official NRC staff position. Accordingly, the NRC staff does not expect licensees to revise their steam generator programs to be in accordance with DG-1074.

Comments 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, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by June 30, 1999.

You may also provide comments 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. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. Timothy A. Reed, (301) 415-1462; e-mail TAR@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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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W. Craig,

Director, Division of Regulatory Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Contingency Plan for the Year 2000 Issue in the Nuclear Industry

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is making available a draft document entitled, "Contingency Plan for the Year 2000 Issue in the Nuclear Industry." This document describes the current plan and approach the NRC staff expects to use in addressing contingencies resulting from potential unanticipated events due to the Year 2000 (Y2K) problem. The NRC staff believes prudent contingency planning for the Y2K problem is appropriate in addition to actions being taken by NRC licensees to achieve Y2K readiness of their facilities. The staff further recognizes the importance of a broader focus that will help to ensure that Y2K concerns regarding the national infrastructure are identified and resolved.

DATES: Public input is solicited on the overall scope and direction of the NRC Contingency Plan. To be most helpful, comments should be received no later than February 15, 1999. Comments received after this date may be considered in the further development of the Contingency Plan if practical to do so.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the draft Contingency Plan can be obtained via the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/Y2K/Y2KCP.html> or from the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555; telephone 202-634-3273; fax 202-634-3343.

Mail Comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop T-6D59, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 or fax to 301-415-5144. Comments may be hand-delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph G. Giitter; Mail Stop T-4A43, Office for Evaluation and Analysis of Operational Data, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-7485; E-mail JGG@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC is working with its licensees to ensure that their potential Year 2000 (Y2K) issues have been identified and corrected, and that the agency's own computer-based systems will continue to function properly during the transition from 1999 into 2000.

Nuclear power plant licensees indicate no significant Year 2000 problems with computer systems

required for safe operation or shutdown of plants, since most are controlled by analog equipment that does not use computers. However, other non-safety computer systems used in such areas as control room displays, radiation monitoring and security functions may have potential problems. For this reason, and to be able to respond to potential unanticipated Y2K problems, the NRC is developing a contingency plan for ensuring that public health and safety and the environment will continue to be protected.

The Contingency Plan for the Year 2000 Issue, built around a reasonably conservative planning scenario, would establish NRC expectations for staff coordination with external stakeholders and staff actions to be taken during the transition period.

The staff considers the NRC Year 2000 Contingency Plan to be a rapidly evolving product, subject to anticipated but very necessary coordination efforts with other Federal agencies and with NRC licensees. In its current form, the plan discusses actions and approaches involving potential policy issues that may require more formal Commission review and approval. However, the Commission has determined that the plan should be made available to the public at this time in order to promote communication and dialogue regarding the proposals discussed therein.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of January, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Frank J. Congel,

Director, Incident Response.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Availability of NUREG-1700, "Standard Review Plan for Evaluating License Termination Plans for Nuclear Power Reactors"

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is noticing issuance of NUREG-1700, "Standard Review Plan for Evaluating License Termination Plans for Nuclear Power Reactors." The

standard review plan (SRP), NUREG-1700, guides staff reviewers on performing safety reviews of LTPs. Although the SRP is intended to be used by the NRC staff in conducting reviews, it can be used by interested parties responsible for conducting their own licensing reviews or developing an LTP. The principal purpose of the SRP is to ensure the quality and uniformity of staff reviews and to present a well-defined base from which to evaluate the requirements. It is also the purpose of the SRP to make the information about regulatory matters widely available to improve the understanding of the staff's review process by interested members of the public and the nuclear industry.

The document is available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555, and on the NRC Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/>). NUREG-1700, "Standard Review Plan for Evaluating License Termination Plans for Nuclear Power Reactor" is being issued as a draft for comment. Any interested party may submit comments on this report for consideration by the NRC staff. The comment periods end June 15, 1999. Please specify the report number, draft NUREG-1700, in your comments and send them by June 15, 1999, to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T-6D59, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clayton L. Pittiglio, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: 301-415-6702.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W. N. Hickey,

Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Cumulative Report on Rescissions and Deferrals

December 1, 1998.

This report is submitted in fulfillment of the requirement of Section 1014(e) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344). Section 1014(e) requires a monthly report listing all budget authority for the current fiscal year for which, as of the first day of the month, a special message had been transmitted to Congress.

This report gives the status, as of December 1, 1998, of the two deferrals contained in the first special message for FY 1999. The message was transmitted to Congress on October 22, 1998.

Deferrals (Attachments A and B)

As of December 1, 1998, \$167.6 million in budget authority was being deferred from obligation. Attachment B shows the status of each deferral reported during FY 1999.

Information from Special Message

The special message containing information on the deferrals that are covered by this cumulative report is printed in the edition of the **Federal Register** cited below:

63 FR 63949-50, Tuesday, November 17, 1998.

Jacob J. Lew,

Director.

ATTACHMENT A.—STATUS OF FY 1999 DEFERRALS

[In millions of dollars]

	Budgetary resources
Deferrals proposed by the President	167.6
Routine Executive releases through December 1, 1998 (OMB/Agency releases of \$0)	
Overturned by the Congress	
Currently before the Congress ...	167.6

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