

*Agenda:* The agenda for the Board Meeting will include: an update from the Board's committees; and presentations from representatives of the Sales and Service Voluntary Partnership (SSVP) and the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC).

*Public Participation:* The meeting, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., is open to the public. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Seats will be reserved for the media. Individuals with disabilities should contact Leslie Donaldson at (202) 254-8628, if special accommodations are needed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tracy Marshall, Director of program Operations at (202) 254-8628.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of April 1999.

**Eddie West,**

*Executive Director, National Skill Standards Board.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Regulatory Oversight Process Pilot Workshop

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a public workshop to provide information to the NRC, industry, and public representatives of the participating pilot sites with the new PI reporting, inspection, assessment, and enforcement processes. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held May 17 through May 20, 1999. Registration will be held on May 17, 1999 from 10 a.m. to noon. The hours of the workshop will be from 12 to 5 p.m. on May 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 18 and May 19, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 20.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Philadelphia Airport Ramada Inn, 76 Industrial Highway (Rt. 291), Essington, PA 19029. The hotel phone number is (610) 521-9600 or (800) 277-3900.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** August Spector at 301-415-2140 or Lee Miller at 301-415-1361, Mail Stop: O-5H4, Inspection Program Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Background

On March 22, 1999, the staff issued SECY-99-007a Recommendations for Reactor Oversight Process Improvements (Follow-Up to SECY-99-007), forwarding the staff's recommendations for a new reactor oversight process. This paper forwarded additional information and noteworthy changes to the staff recommendations for improving the regulatory oversight process initially provided by SECY-99-007 Recommendations for Reactor Oversight Improvements. This paper also responds to the Commission's comments from the January 20, 1999, briefing on SECY-99-007 and provides the staff's responses to public comments.

The following issues represent a brief summary of the concepts presented in SECY-99-007A.

Over the last 10 years, commercial nuclear power plants have been operated safely and overall plant performance has improved. This improvement in plant performance can be attributed, in part, to successful regulatory oversight. Despite this success, the agency has noted that the current reactor oversight process (1) is at times not clearly focused on the most safety important issues, (2) consists of redundant actions and outputs, and (3) is frequently subjective, with NRC action taken in a manner that is at times neither scrutable nor predictable.

In the new regulatory oversight process:

- There will be a risk-informed baseline inspection program that establishes the minimum regulatory interaction for all licensees.
- Thresholds will be established for licensee safety performance, below which increased NRC interaction would be warranted.
- Adequate assurance of licensee performance will require assessment of both performance indicators (PIs) and inspection findings.
- Inspection findings will be evaluated for significance and integrated with PIs in timely manner to support overall assessment of licensee performance.
- Both PIs and inspection findings will be evaluated against risk-informed thresholds, where feasible.
- Crossing a PI threshold and an inspection threshold will have the same meaning with respect to safety significance and required NRC interaction.
- The baseline inspection program will cover those risk-significant

attributes of licensee performance not adequately covered by PIs.

- The baseline inspection program will also verify the accuracy of PI data collection and analysis and provide for event response, as appropriate.
- Enforcement actions will be focused on issues that are risk significant.
- Guidelines will be established for identifying and responding to unacceptable licensee performance.

Additionally, the staff will pilot the new reactor oversight process during a 6-month period beginning in June, 1999. The purpose of the pilot program is to exercise the new processes (PI reporting, inspection, assessment, and enforcement), to identify process and procedure problems and make appropriate changes and, to the maximum extent possible, evaluate the effectiveness of the new process. Full implementation of the new oversight process will commence pending successful completion of the pilot program, as measured against pre-established success criteria. A notable feature of the pilot program is the use of the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel, consisting of NRC, NEL, industry, public, and State representatives, to aid in evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program.

### Scope of the Public Workshop

The NRC will hold a four day workshop from May 17-20, 1999, to review and familiarize NRC, industry, and public representatives of the participating pilot sites with the new PI reporting, inspection, assessment, and enforcement processes. However, representatives from all plants are welcome to attend the workshop. The pilot plants are: Hope Creek, Salem Units 1 and 2, FitzPatrick, Prairie Island Units 1 and 2, Quad Cities Units 1 and 2, Shearon Harris, Sequoyah Units 1 and 2, Ft. Calhoun, and Cooper.

Attendees should be familiar with the key attributes of the new oversight processes and their associated program documents and understand the key differences between the new processes and the existing oversight processes. Copies of SECY-00-007 and SECY-99-007a are available on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/index.html#1999>.

The agenda for the workshop will consist of the following:

- Day 1: registration and check-in, background and concept review, review of performance indicators (PIs), thresholds, and PI manual.
- Day 2: practical examples of PI data reporting, and inspection procedure review and documentation.

- Day 3: significance determination process (including practical examples), and new enforcement policy.
- Day 4: assessment process review (including practical examples).

**Workshop Pre-Registration**

Workshop attendees are requested to pre-register with the NRC approximately two weeks before the workshop. Attendees may pre-register in either of the following ways:

1. Fax to Sun Hoon Kim at (301) 415-5106.
2. Mail to: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attn: Sun Hoon Kim, Office of Human Resources, Mailstop T3D45, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of April 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
**Cornelius F. Holden,**  
*Acting Chief, Inspection Program Branch,  
 Division of Inspection Program Management,  
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

**Regulatory Oversight Process Pilot  
 Workshop Registration, Philadelphia  
 Airport Ramada Inn, Essington, PA, May 17-  
 20, 1999**

**(Please Print)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last) (First)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (department, division or unit)

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 (organization/facility)

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 (street or P.O. box)

(city) (state) (zip code)

Pilot Plant (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (business): \_\_\_\_\_ (ext) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your registration form to: Sun Hoon Kim, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Human Resources, Mail Stop T3D45, Washington, DC 20555.

Fax your registration form to: 301-415-5106, Attention: Sun Hoon Kim.

**THIS REGISTRATION FORM IS FOR THE WORKSHOP ONLY. PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS SEPARATELY.**

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**PEACE CORPS**

**Information Collection Requests Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** The Peace Corps.  
**ACTION:** Notice of public use form review request to the Office of Management and Budget.

**SUMMARY:** The Associate Director for Management invites comments on information collection requests as required pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This notice announces that the Peace Corps has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request to approve the use of the Peace Corps World Wise Schools Educators Technology Information Form. A copy of the information collection may be obtained from Betsi Shays, Director of World Wise School Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20526. Ms. Shays may be contacted by telephone at 202-692-1455. The Peace Corps invites comments on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the Peace Corps, including whether the information will have practical use; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and, ways to minimize the burden the collection of information those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology. Comments on these forms should be addressed to Victoria Becker Wassmer, Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503.

**Information Collection Abstract**

*Title:* Peace Corps Educator Technology Information Form.

*Need for and Use of This Information:* The Peace Corps needs this information to explore ways to involve World Wise Schools educators in accessing global information through cutting-edge technology.

*Respondents:* Educators who apply for World Wise Schools.

*Respondents Obligation to Reply:* Voluntary.

*Burden to the Public:*

- Annual reporting burden: 833 hours
- Annual recordkeeping burden: 250 hours
- Estimated average burden per response: 3 min
- Frequency of response: one time
- Estimated number of likely respondents: 10,000
- Estimated cost to respondents: \$4,466-

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Dated: April 19, 1999.

**Doug Greene,**  
*Associate Director for Management.*  
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**PEACE CORPS**

**Information Collection Request Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Peace Corps.  
**ACTION:** Notice of public use form review request to the Office of Management and Budget.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) this notice announces that the information collection requests abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget for emergency clearance and for review and comment. A copy of the information collection may be obtained from Paul Davis, Office of Volunteer Recruitment and Selection, United States Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20526. Mr. Davis may be contacted by telephone at (202) 692-1836. Comments on these forms should be addressed to Victoria Becker Wassner, Desk Office, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503.

**Information Collection Abstract**

*Title:* Peace Corps Reference Form.  
*Need for and use of this information:*

Peace Corps needs this information in order to process applicants for Volunteer service. The information is used to determine suitability of applicants.

*Respondents:* Individuals who voluntarily agree to serve as references for Peace Corps applicants.

*Respondents Obligation To Reply:* Voluntary.

**Burden on the Public**

- Annual reporting burden: 13,692.
- Annual record keeping burden: 0 hr.
- Estimated average burden per response: 30 minutes.
- Frequency of response: one time.
- Estimated number of likely respondents: 27,384.

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Dated: April 19, 1999.

**Doug Greene,**  
*Associate Director for Management.*  
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