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NRC Administrative Letter 1999-02, "Operating Reactor Licensing Action Estimates," dated June 3, 1999, has been withdrawn.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 3, 1999

NRC ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER 99-02: OPERATING REACTOR LICENSING ACTION ESTIMATES

Addressees

All power reactor licensees.

Purpose

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this administrative letter to ask that licensees, on a voluntary basis, provide information pertaining to estimates of the number of licensing actions that will be submitted for NRC review in upcoming fiscal years. The submittal of this information is strictly voluntary. No specific action or written response is required.

Background

In recent years, the NRC has undertaken a series of initiatives to improve the Commission's planning process. Beginning with the NRC Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining initiative in 1995, the NRC has implemented an integrated planning, budgeting, and performance measurement system to ensure that the business principles of goal setting, strategy development, resource assessment, and performance measurement undergird NRC activities. These initiatives meet the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993. Among other things, the integrated process results in an agency budget that is strongly tied to individual performance measures. To ensure that certain individual performance measures and resulting resource forecasts are as accurate as possible, the NRC periodically assesses the currency of the information and assumptions used in the performance plan and the budget development process.

One element in the strategic planning process with significant resource implications is the number of licensing actions reviewed by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) in a budget cycle. For planning purposes, licensing actions may be defined as requests for license amendment or extension, exemption, relief, review of a topical report submitted by a specific licensee, notice of enforcement discretion, or other licensee request requiring NRC review and approval before it can be implemented by the licensee. To improve the accuracy of the resource forecasts, the NRC is asking that all power reactor licensees, including those that have determined to permanently cease operations and have submitted certification pursuant to 10 CFR 50.82(a)(1), provide, on a voluntary basis, estimates of the number of new licensing action requests they plan to submit in upcoming fiscal years.

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Specifically, licensees are asked to provide an estimate of the number¹ of licensing actions expected to be submitted in Fiscal Years (FY) 2000² and 2001. To adequately capture the larger resource impact of certain licensing reviews, licensees are asked to identify by brief title those licensing actions that are expected to generate complex reviews, such as power uprate requests, license renewal requests, and dry cask storage applications.

Administrative Letter 98-03, "Operating Reactor Licensing Action Estimates," issued May 6, 1998, asked for similar licensing action estimates. In the future, the NRC expects to ask for licensing action estimates on a semi-annual basis. The next solicitation will likely be issued in the fall of 1999 and will include voluntary submittals for the remainder of FY 2000 and 2001, and for FY 2002.

Licensees are asked to voluntarily provide their estimates of licensing action submittals to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, with a copy to Michael Boyle, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop O-13E4, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, within 45 days of receipt of this letter.

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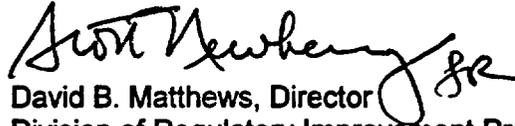
The voluntary information collections contained in this solicitation are covered by the Office of Management and Budget clearance number 3150-0011, which expires September 30, 2000. The public reporting burden for this voluntary collection of information is estimated to average 10 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Records Management Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0011), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

¹ To assist in counting numbers of licensing actions, use the following example: a licensee submits a licensing action request covering three individual plants concerning a single subject. Although the NRC will review a single subject, NRC would open one work task for each plant, therefore counting this single request as three licensing actions.

² NRC's fiscal year runs from October through September. FY 2000 will start October 1, 1999, and end September 30, 2000

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98-05	Availability of Summarize In Electronic Format of Technical Reports by the Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data	8/3/98	All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors

OL = Operating License
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