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**Interim Staff Guidance on**

**Aging Management Program for Steam Generators**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Interim staff guidance; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance (LR-ISG), LR-ISG-2011-02, "Aging Management Program for Steam Generators." This LR-ISG provides the NRC staff's evaluation of the suitability of using Revision 3 of the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) document, NEI 97-06, "Steam Generator Program Guidelines," (NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML111310712) to manage steam generator aging. The LR-ISG revises the NRC staff's aging management recommendations currently described in Chapter XI.M19 of NUREG-1801, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report," Revision 2, dated December 2010, which is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML103490041; and NUREG-1800, Revision 2, "Standard Review Plan for Review of License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants," which is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML103490036.

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- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Public comments and supporting materials related to this final rule can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching on Docket ID NRC-2011-0228. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, telephone: 301-492-3668; e-mail: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

- **NRC's Interim Staff Guidance Web Site:** LR-ISG documents are also available online under the "License Renewal" heading at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/#int>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Revision 2 of NEI 97-06 was issued in September 2005. Since that time, all licensees have adopted new steam generator technical specification requirements. Revision 3 of NEI 97-06 was provided to the NRC on May 6, 2011.

On September 30, 2011 (76 FR 60937), the NRC published a request for public comments on draft LR-ISG-2011-02 in the *Federal Register*. The public comment period closed on October 20, 2011. The NRC received no comments and is issuing LR-ISG-2011-02. This LR-ISG will be incorporated into the next formal license renewal guidance document revision.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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