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STANDARDS FOR POWER REACTORS"

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We have considered your comments and recommendations, developed a proposed change package for public comment, and, through concurrence in this memorandum, obtained Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) management approval to implement the changes on a voluntary, trial basis during a 90-day public comment period. We will be issuing a *Federal Register* Notice to formally announce the proposed changes and solicit public comments. We also plan to post the changes on the NRC's Operator Licensing Website. The changes will be finalized by publishing a supplement to Revision 8 of NUREG-1021 upon review and resolution of the public comments and incorporation of any lessons learned during the trial period.

The changes in the attached Examination Standards (ES) and Appendices from NUREG-1021 are identified with redline and strikeout text for ease of review by the public. The final change package will be formatted so that the affected pages in Revision 8 can simply be removed and replaced, with the changes identified by vertical lines in the margins adjacent to the affected text.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call David Trimble on 301-415-2942.

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