Nuclear Safety Standards Committee

42nd Meeting, 29 November – 1 December, 2016

Agenda item 3.1


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External Events Safety Section / NSNI
External Events Excluding Earthquakes in the Design of Nuclear Installation

• The document (NS-G-1.5) was first published in 2003

• The current revision (DS 498) was initiated to
  
  – Ensure consistency with applicable requirements for site evaluation and design of nuclear installations (SSR-1/DS484, SSR-2/1, SS-R-3 and SSR-4/DS478)
  
  – Ensure coherency and consistency with other relevant IAEA Safety Standards (e.g. SF-1 and GSRs),
  
  – Incorporate the lessons learned and address challenges highlighted IAEA Report on Fukushima-Daiichi NPP Accident.
Overview of the Document

- The scope of the safety guide will be extended to all nuclear installations.
- This safety guide considers design protection measures of nuclear installations against external hazards covered by the existing IAEA Safety Standards.
  - **The new information in DS498 includes**
    - Will address hazards induced Common Cause Failures.
    - Will address design basis for external hazards including combination of hazards.
    - DEC against external hazards (when applicable).
    - Recommendations for achieving adequate safety margins to avoid cliff edge effects consistent with applicable safety requirements.
  - **Other Changes**
    - The terminology will be made consistent with the new definitions in the safety requirements and the safety glossary.
    - References will be updated.
Fukushima Daiichi Implications

- Importance of adequate design basis
- Appropriate considerations of uncertainties
- Common-cause effects of external events can compromise several layers of defense in depth at the same time
- Combined effects of natural events need to be considered
NUSSC Member Comments: Summary

• Thirty-nine (39) comments from EC-JRC, Japan, Germany, USA, France, Russia Federation, Pakistan and Czech Republic.

• All comments have been addressed and resolutions published on NUSSC/WASS web page:
  – 21 accepted or accepted with modifications
  – Rejected 18 (reference to out of scope elements: e.g. Beyond Design Basis, Site Protection, Safety Assessment)
### NUSSC Member Comments: Example of Resolutions

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Requested Action

Approval by NUSSC to send the DPP to CSS for approval.
Thank you!