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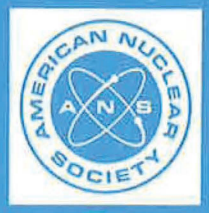

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Nuclear power plant simulators have become an important tool in training of nuclear power plant operators. Acceptance of the use of simulators in operator training programs has resulted in the need for a standard describing the minimum configuration and performance of such a unit. The objective of this standard is to specify minimum simulator performance and configuration criteria necessary for effective training.

It is not the intent of this standard to imply that a simulator is necessary for an effective operator training program. Suitable training can be attained by other means. It is the responsibility of the individual organizations to establish a program to prepare the staff properly to operate and maintain the nuclear facility. How the job is accomplished must be determined by each party, weighing the factors involved.

The standard has been revised to extend the minimum operating range of simulators and make the standard apply to simulators used in operator training. The minimum training, steady state, transient and accident exposure required to obtain a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) operator, or senior operator license and to maintain that license, have been included in the capability of a simulator. Also included is guidance for the upgrading of simulators to reflect reference plant response and physical changes and to require a data base on the reference plant configuration and performance be maintained.

When a simulator is used in an operator training program, it shall meet the requirements set forth in this standard.

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