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INTRODUCTION

a) Technical background, main issues and organization of the standard

The equipment for data communication of on-line plant data can simplify the hardwired cables connecting distributed systems for instrumentation, control, protection and monitoring needed for the safe operation of Nuclear Power Plants (NPP). Such communication systems can have advantages over direct cables, for electrical isolation, for reduction of cable fire loads or other reasons. In a distributed computer based system, communication equipment is an essential part of the system. Data communication is usually essential for implementing I&C systems important to safety in nuclear power plants.

It is intended that the document be used by operators of NPPs (utilities), manufacturers of data communication equipment, systems evaluators and by licensors.

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For more details on the structure of the IEC SC 45A standard series, see item d) of this introduction.

c) Recommendations and limitations regarding the application of the standard

It is important to note that this standard establishes no additional functional requirements for safety systems.

Aspects for which special recommendations have been provided in this standard are:

- Requirements for data communication within systems performing category A functions.
- Requirements for data communication between divisions of a system performing category A functions.
- Requirements for data communication of systems performing category A functions with systems of lower safety importance.
- Reliability requirements for data communication.

To ensure that the standard will continue to be relevant in future years, emphasis is placed on principles, rather than on specific technologies.

d) Description of the structure of the IEC SC 45A standard series and relationships with other IEC documents and other bodies documents (IAEA, ISO)

The top-level documents of the IEC SC 45A standard series are IEC 61513 and IEC 63046. IEC 61513 provides general requirements for I&C systems and equipment that are used to perform functions important to safety in NPP. IEC 63046 provides general requirements for electrical power systems of NPP; it covers power supply systems including the supply systems of the I&C systems. IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 are to be considered in conjunction and at the same level. IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 structure the IEC SC 45A standard series and shape a complete framework establishing general requirements for instrumentation, control and electrical systems for nuclear power plants.

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IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 have adopted a presentation format similar to the basic safety publication IEC 61508 with an overall life-cycle framework and a system life-cycle framework. Regarding nuclear safety, IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 provide the interpretation of the general requirements of IEC 61508-1, IEC 61508-2 and IEC 61508-4, for the nuclear application sector. In this framework IEC 60880, IEC 62138 and IEC 62566 correspond to IEC 61508-3 for the nuclear application sector. IEC 61513 and IEC 63046 refer to ISO as well as to IAEA GS-R-3 and IAEA GS-G-3.1 and IAEA GS-G-3.5 for topics related to quality assurance (QA). At level 2, regarding nuclear security, IEC 62645 is the entry document for the IEC SC 45A security standards. It builds upon the valid high level principles and main concepts of the generic security standards, in particular ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO/IEC 27002; it adapts them and completes them to fit the nuclear context and coordinates with the IEC 62443 series. Also at level 2, IEC 60964 is the entry document for the IEC SC 45A control rooms standards and IEC 62342 is the entry document for the IEC SC 45A ageing management standards.

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1 Scope

This document establishes requirements for data communication which is used in systems performing category A functions in nuclear power plants.

It covers also interface requirements for data communication of equipment performing category A functions with other systems including those performing category B and C functions and functions not important to safety.

The scope of this document is restricted to the consideration of data communication within the plant I&C safety systems. It does not cover communication by telephone, radio, voice, fax, email, public address, etc.

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This document gives requirements for functions and properties of on-line plant data communication by reference to IEC 60880 and IEC 60987, produced within the framework of IEC 61513. It requires categorisation of the communication functions in accordance with IEC 61226, which in turn requires environmental and seismic qualification (i.e., the environment where the safety function is required to operate) according to IEC/IEEE 60780-323 and IEC 60980.

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