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PREFACE

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ORGANIZATION

The consolidated code, standards, and guides for nuclear power plants, titled Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants, are arranged into three distinct divisions. The titles of some of the sections were shortened to simplify the presentation purely for the user's ease of review and use. Reference to the individual published code, standard, or guide should be made for the specific title and the application requirements. Subsequent changes made to the Division contents will be detailed in future publications in separately listed summary of changes sections.

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[2] *Post-2000 plant:* a nuclear power plant that was issued (or will be issued) its construction permit, or combined license for construction and operation, by the applicable regulatory authority on or following January 1, 2000.