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(This foreword is not part of American National Standard “Selection and Training of Personnel for Research Reactors,” ANSI/ANS-15.4-2016.)

The standard “Selection and Training of Personnel for Research Reactors,” ANS-15.4, was first published in 1977. It was revised in 2007 to incorporate requirements for requalification and medical competence of licensed or certified operations personnel. It is again being revised, to address changes in regulatory requirements and attitudes and changes to medical techniques. The standard is designed to be easily adopted by the wide range of research reactors in operation in the United States and abroad.

Administrative and organizational requirements and structures, including reviews and audits, are found in companion standard ANSI/ANS-15.1-2007 (R2013), “The Development of Technical Specifications for Research Reactors.”

Critical facilities and fast pulse reactors should rely on existing standards ANSI/ANS-1-2000 (R2012), “Conduct of Critical Experiments,” and ANSI/ANS-14.1-2004 (R2014), “Operation of Fast Pulse Reactors,” and should use ANS-15.4 to supplement these standards to the extent applicable.

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The family of research reactor standards that would be helpful for operators, users, and regulators of these facilities are the following:

- ANSI/ANS-15.1-2007 (R2013), “The Development of Technical Specifications for Research Reactors”;
- ANSI/ANS-15.2-1999 (R2016), “Quality Control for Plate-Type Uranium-Aluminum Fuel Elements”;
- ANSI/ANS-15.8-1995 (R2013), “Quality Assurance Program Requirements for Research Reactors”;
- ANSI/ANS-15.11-2009, “Radiation Protection at Research Reactor Facilities”;
- ANSI/ANS-15.15-1978 (R1986), “Criteria for the Reactor Safety Systems of Research Reactors” (withdrawn);
- ANSI/ANS-15.16-2015, “Emergency Planning for Research Reactors”;
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