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IEC 61225 has been prepared by subcommittee 45A: Instrumentation, control and electrical power systems of nuclear facilities, of IEC technical committee 45: Nuclear instrumentation. It is an International Standard.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 2019. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) expansion and clarification of the requirements for static uninterruptible DC and AC power supply systems to ease the application in SMRs and passive designs.

This International Standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61513:2011, IEC 60709:2018, IEC 60880:2006, IEC 62138:2018, IEC 62855:2016 and IEC 63046:2020.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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- reconfirmed,
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- revised.

INTRODUCTION

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

The 1993 issue of IEC 61225 was developed for specifying the requirements relevant to the design of electrical supplies for I&C systems in nuclear power plants. Considering the experience gathered worldwide on this subject, in 2003 working group A2 recommended a revision to this document ~~so that~~ to allow a new revision, IEC 61225 Ed. 2 (2005), ~~could~~ to be consistently integrated into the SC 45A standard series. In 2015, working group A11 recommended a revision to this document following the publication of the revision of IAEA SSG-34 and that the scope of the standard should cover static uninterruptible power supplies for all types of connected equipment. In 2022, working group A11 recommended a revision to this document to ease the application to SMRs and passive designs.

International operating experience with electrical supply systems in nuclear power plants has highlighted a number of supply voltage variations and malfunctions, such as:

- voltage perturbations due to disturbances on the internal AC distribution system (with origin off-site or on-site).
- voltage overshoot on loss of grid.
- open phase conditions (one or two phases).
- asymmetrical faults.

These types of perturbations can degrade the performance of static uninterruptible power supplies and ultimately result in failure of connected equipment.

One of the objectives of the uninterruptible power supplies is to protect connected equipment from voltage variations on the on-site AC interruptible distribution system (the immunity concept). The power supplies ~~shall~~ also guarantee an output voltage with specified magnitude and waveform (in case of AC) to connected loads. The power supplies ~~shall~~ have the capacity to supply the relevant loads during a specified time regardless of any voltage variations on the on-site AC interruptible distribution system.

Examples of voltage and frequency variations in the incoming feeder to the supplies can be found in informative Annex A. Examples of specifications for static uninterruptible power supplies can be found in informative Annex B. Requirements for SMRs and passive designs are given in Annex C.

This document is applicable to the design of static uninterruptible electrical power supplies in new nuclear power plants (including SMRs and passive designs) when design work is initiated after the publication of this document and in general for nuclear facilities. It also serves as a reference for upgrading and modernizing existing nuclear power plants and facilities.

b) Situation of the current standard in the structure of the SC 45A standard series

IEC 61225 is a second level document specifically addressing the particular topic of requirements for electrical supplies.

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

c) Recommendations and limitations regarding the application of this document

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

To ensure that the standard will continue to be relevant in future years, the emphasis has been placed on issues of principle, rather than specific technologies.