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NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

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IEC 60709	-	Nuclear power plants - Instrumentation and control systems important to safety - Separation	EN 60709	-
IEC 60780	1998	Nuclear power plants - Electrical equipment of the safety system - Qualification	-	-
IEC 60880	2006	Nuclear power plants - Instrumentation and control systems important to safety - Software aspects for computer-based systems performing category A functions	EN 60880	2009
IEC 60980	-	Recommended practices for seismic qualification of electrical equipment of the safety system for nuclear generating stations	-	-
IEC 60987 (mod)	2007	Nuclear power plants - Instrumentation and control important to safety - Hardware design requirements for computer-based systems	EN 60987	2009
IEC 61000	Series	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)	EN 61000	Series
IEC 61226	-	Nuclear power plants - Instrumentation and control important to safety - Classification of instrumentation and control functions	EN 61226	-
IEC 61513	-	Nuclear power plants - Instrumentation and control for systems important to safety - General requirements for systems	-	-
IEC 62340	2007	Nuclear power plants - Instrumentation and control systems important to safety - Requirements for coping with common cause failure (CCF)	EN 62340	2010
IAEA Safety guide NS-G-1.3	2002	Instrumentation and control systems important to safety in nuclear power plants	-	-

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### **NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS – INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL IMPORTANT TO SAFETY – DATA COMMUNICATION IN SYSTEMS PERFORMING CATEGORY A FUNCTIONS**

#### FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 61500 has been prepared by subcommittee 45A: Instrumentation and control of nuclear facilities, of IEC technical committee 45: Nuclear instrumentation.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1996. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

The revision of the standard is intended to accomplish the following:

- To change the focus from multiplexed data transmission to data communication
- To restrict the scope to communication in systems performing category A functions
- To clarify definitions
- To up-date the reference to new standards published since the first issue.



The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
45A/772/FDIS	45A/783/RVD

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

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the maintenance result date indicated on the IEC web site under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

## 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 safe Nuclear Power Plants operation. 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 standard be used by operators of NPPs (utilities), manufacturers of data communication equipment, systems evaluators and by licensors.

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

IEC 61500 is the third level IEC SC 45A document tackling the generic issue of data communication for equipment performing category A functions.

IEC 61500 is to be read in association with IEC 61513, which is the appropriate IEC SC 45A document providing guidance on general requirements for instrumentation and control systems important to safety, IEC 60880, which is the appropriate IEC SC 45A document providing guidance on software aspects for computer based systems performing category A functions, and IEC 60987 which is the appropriate IEC SC 45A document providing guidance on hardware aspects for computer based systems .

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 document of the IEC SC 45A standard series is IEC 61513. It provides general requirements for I&C systems and equipment that are used to perform functions important to safety in NPPs. IEC 61513 structures the IEC SC 45A standard series.

IEC 61513 refers directly to other IEC SC 45A standards for general topics related to categorization of functions and classification of systems, qualification, separation of systems,

defense against common cause failure, software aspects of computer-based systems, hardware aspects of computer-based systems, and control room design. The standards referenced directly at this second level should be considered together with IEC 61513 as a consistent document set.

At a third level, IEC SC 45A standards not directly referenced by IEC 61513 are standards related to specific equipment, technical methods, or specific activities. Usually these documents, which make reference to second-level documents for general topics, can be used on their own.

A fourth level extending the IEC SC 45A standard series, corresponds to the technical reports which are not normative.

IEC 61513 has adopted a presentation format similar to the basic safety publication IEC 61508 with an overall safety life-cycle framework and a system life-cycle framework and provides an interpretation of the general requirements of IEC 61508-1, IEC 61508-2 and IEC 61508-4, for the nuclear application sector. Compliance with IEC 61513 will facilitate consistency with the requirements of IEC 61508 as they have been interpreted for the nuclear industry. In this framework, IEC 60880 and IEC 62138 correspond to IEC 61508-3 for the nuclear application sector.

IEC 61513 refers to ISO as well as to IAEA GS-R-3 for topics related to quality assurance (QA).

The IEC SC 45A standards series consistently implements and details the principles and basic safety aspects provided in the IAEA code on the safety of NPPs and in the IAEA safety series, in particular the Requirements NS-R-1, establishing safety requirements related to the design of nuclear power plants, and the Safety Guide NS-G-1.3 dealing with instrumentation and control systems important to safety in nuclear power plants. The terminology and definitions used by SC 45A standards are consistent with those used by the IAEA.

# **NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS – INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL IMPORTANT TO SAFETY – DATA COMMUNICATION IN SYSTEMS PERFORMING CATEGORY A FUNCTIONS**

## **1 Scope**

This International Standard 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 standard is restricted to the consideration of data communication within the plant I&C systems. It does not cover communication by telephone, radio, voice, fax, email, public address etc.

The internal operation and the detailed technical specification of data communication equipment are not in the scope of this standard. This standard is not applicable to the internal connections and data communication of a processor unit, its memory and control logic. It does not concern the internal processing of instrumentation and control computer systems.

This standard gives requirements for functions and properties of on-line plant data communications by reference to IEC 60880 and IEC 60987, produced within the framework of IEC 61513. It requires classification 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 60780 and IEC 60980.

## **2 Normative references**

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IEC 60780:1998, *Nuclear power plants – Electrical equipment of the safety system – Qualification*

IEC 60880:2006, *Nuclear power plants – Instrumentation and control systems important to safety – Software aspects for computer-based systems performing category A functions*

IEC 60980, *Recommended practices for seismic qualification of electrical equipment of the safety system for nuclear generating stations*

IEC 60987:2007, *Nuclear power plants – Instrumentation and control important to safety – Hardware design requirements for computer-based systems*

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