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Changes to this edition include the following:

- a) update of requirements to ensure alignment with other recently issued CSA standards and regulatory documents;
- b) update of definitions for alignment with CSA common definitions and other CSA N290A series standards;
- c) addition of clause titles throughout and descriptive text for Figure [A.1](#) to improve application, accessibility, and usability;
- d) addition of a new Clause [4](#) on management, graded approach, and design input;
- e) addition of subclauses in Clause [5](#) related to planning;
- f) split of first subclause of Clause [9](#) on evaluation and Annex [C](#) on evaluation; and
- g) addition of the recommendation for establishing human factors (HF) design inputs in Clause [7.2.2 a\)](#) and in Annex [A](#) as an added bar.

This Standard provides the basic framework for considerations of HF in design in nuclear power plants. It establishes an industry consensus on appropriate HF in design planning for plant modifications and new plant designs.

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This Standard reflects the operating experience of the Canadian nuclear power industry.

Users of this Standard are reminded that the design, manufacture, construction, commissioning, operation, and decommissioning of nuclear facilities in Canada are subject to the provisions of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and its supporting *Regulations*. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission might impose additional requirements to those specified in this Standard.

This Standard was prepared by the Subcommittee on Human Factors in Design for Nuclear Power Plants, under the jurisdiction of the Technical Committee on Reactor Control Systems, Safety Systems, and Instrumentation of Nuclear Power Plants and the Strategic Steering Committee on Nuclear Standards, and has been formally approved by the Technical Committee.

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