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This recommended practice was originally published as a standard, and it set forth requirements for installation, inspection, and testing of important instrumentation and electric equipment in a nuclear power generating station during its construction phase. This recommended practice was prepared by the IEEE in response to a request by American National Standards Committee N45 on Reactor Plants and their maintenance. The N45 committee was chartered to promote development of standards for location, design, construction, and maintenance of nuclear reactors and plants embodying nuclear reactors, including equipment, methods, and components specifically for this purpose.

In May 1969, the IEEE Joint Committee on Nuclear Power Standards (JCNPS) established an ad hoc committee on Installation, Inspection, and Testing of Electric and Instrumentation Equipment. The purpose of this committee was to prepare a standard for general industry use that would define requirements for installation, inspection, and testing of instrumentation and electric equipment necessary to ensure attainment of a safe and reliable nuclear power generating station. The ad hoc committee was composed of representatives of key segments of the nuclear industry, including utilities, reactor suppliers, construction contractors, component manufacturers, and consultants.

In 1977, the standard was revised to provide clarity and simplification. In 1979, the standard was again revised to expand the scope to include operating plant modifications that are comparable in nature and extent with those related activities occurring during initial construction of the station. Subcommittee 8 of the Nuclear Power Engineering Committee (NPEC) developed these revisions.

In 1985, this standard was then revised to allow application of the requirements to include nuclear facilities other than nuclear power generation stations. Nuclear facilities include facilities for power generation, spent fuel storage, waste storage, fuel processing, plutonium processing, and fuel fabrication.

In 2003, the NPEC directed its Working Group 3.1 to convert IEEE Std 336™-1985 from a standard to a guide (to allow more flexibility for selective guidance than mandatory requirements), to incorporate "lessons learned" from industry (in particular, for post-modification and post-maintenance testing), and to change the format to be more user-friendly. The guide was issued in 2005.

IEEE Std 336-2010 converted IEEE Std 336-2005 to a recommended practice. The purpose for recategorizing IEEE Std 336 to a recommended practice was to elevate the importance of the subject matter for an industry that anticipates significant new construction. A recommended practice emphasis will allow reasonable flexibility with respect to the interpretation of the information provided but will use language that is more significant than a guide without the strict prescriptive language of a standard.

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