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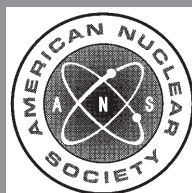
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Nuclear devices designed and operated for purposes of research and as sources of sharp, intense pulses of fission-produced radiation have functioned successfully for more than 40 years. In the usual operation, superprompt criticality is established in a mass of unmoderated fissile metal, radiation is produced, and the nuclear reaction is immediately terminated by characteristics inherent in the fissile material itself. These devices have come to be known as fast pulse reactors. This standard provides direction in the use of such specialties so that the risk of damage to personnel and equipment can be controlled. It was prepared by individuals having extensive and intimate experience in the operation of this type of reactor.

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