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Coming: Conversion to Metric Units

The use of metric units in American Nuclear Society publications will be required after a transition period to 1977. A policy calling for the early adoption of metric units was approved by the ANS Board of Directors in October (and reported in *Nuclear News*, December, 1974, page 101). After July, 1975, metric quantities are to appear parenthetically following conventional (non-metric) quantities; and after January, 1977, metric quantities only are to be used.

Details involved in the changeover are to be worked out by the ANS Publications Committee, through a subcommittee. Chaired by *Nuclear Technology* Editor Roy G. Post, this group includes the editor of *Nuclear Science and Engineering*, Dixon Callihan; Andre Gauvenet of CEA, France; and Harold F. McDuffie of ORNL.

A basic decision on the exact units to be specified will be made soon. Strong arguments can be made for the blanket adoption of the *Système International d'Unités*; however, there are questions about completeness, convenience and flexibility of these units.

Advice of the ANS membership on this is sought, and the views and advice of ANS journal authors and readers also is earnestly solicited. An announcement regarding the definition of units to be used will be made early in 1975 so that the July, 1975 schedule date can be met.

Roy G. Post, Editor