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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 50

RIN 3150-A101

Alternate Fracture Toughness Requirements for Protection Against Pressurized Thermal Shock Events; Reopening of Comment Period for Information Collection

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule: Reopening of comment period for information collection.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reopening the comment period specific to the information collection aspects of a proposed rule published on October 3, 2007 (72 FR 56275), that would amend NRC's regulations to provide updated fracture toughness requirements for protection against pressurized thermal shock (PTS) events for pressurized water reactor (PWR) pressure vessels. The comment period for comments specific to the information collection aspects of the proposed rule, closed on November 2, 2007.

DATES: The comment period for comments specific to the information collection aspects of the proposed rule is reopened and now closes on December 17, 2007. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received before this date.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any aspect of the proposed information collections, including suggestions for reducing the burden and on the issues mentioned in the October 3, 2007, rulemaking, by December 17, 2007, to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F52), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet electronic mail to INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV and to the

Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOP-10202, (3150-0011), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harry Tovmassian, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-3092, e-mail hst@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 3, 2007 (72 FR 56275), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published for public comment a proposed rule that would amend its regulations to provide updated fracture toughness requirements for protection against PTS events for PWR pressure vessels. The proposed rule would provide new PTS requirements based on updated analysis methods. This action is desirable because the existing requirements are based on unnecessarily conservative probabilistic fracture mechanics analysis. This action would reduce regulatory burden for licensees, specifically those licensees that expect to exceed the existing requirements before the expiration of their licenses, while maintaining adequate safety. These new requirements would be voluntarily used by any PWR licensee as an alternative to complying with the existing requirements.

The NRC received several requests from public stakeholders to extend the comment period for the information collection aspects of the proposed rule. The comment period for the information collection is being reopened and now closes on December 17, 2007.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of November 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook,

Secretary of the Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 71

Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material; Notice of Document Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and request for comments on draft 2009 revision to International Atomic Energy Agency Regulations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking public comment on a draft revision of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) "Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material" (TS-R-1), which is scheduled for publication in 2009. The NRC and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) jointly will be submitting comments on the draft document to the IAEA. We are requesting input from the public to assist in developing the U.S. comments.

DATES: Comments on the proposed 2009 revision of TS-R-1 will be accepted by the NRC until January 4, 2008. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, however we are only able to assure consideration for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit written comments to Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Mail Stop T6-D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to: nrcprep@nrc.gov. Comments may also be hand delivered to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

Copies of comments received may be viewed at the NRC's Public Document Room, One White Flint North, Public File Area O1-F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (First Floor), Rockville, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele M. Sampson, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, USNRC, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: (301) 492-3292; e-mail: mxs14@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The IAEA periodically revises TS-R-1 to reflect new information and accumulated experience. The DOT is the U.S. competent authority before the IAEA for radioactive material transportation matters. The NRC provides technical support to the DOT in this regard, particularly with regard to Type B and fissile packages.

The IAEA recently released, for 120-day Member State review, a draft revision of TS-R-1 intended for publication in 2009. To assure opportunity for public involvement in the international regulatory development process, we are requesting input from the public on the proposed revisions to TS-R-1. At this time, comments are being solicited on the changes made from the 2005 edition which are included in the 2009 draft revision. To facilitate review, the IAEA has provided a summary Table of Changes document comparing the 2005 version of TS-R-1 to the proposed 2009 changes by paragraph. Any comments made should refer to the relevant paragraph number in the 2009 draft revision of TS-R-1, and when appropriate should propose alternative text.

II. Public Participation

The draft 2009 revision to TS-R-1 [ML073170348] and Table of Changes [ML073170368] documents are available at the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet, accessible through the NRC's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov>. This Web site provides text and image files of the NRC's public documents. The public can gain entry into ADAMS through the agency's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, under Accession No. ML073170348, for the 2009 Draft version of TS-R-1, and Accession No. ML073170368, for the Table of Changes comparison document. The documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O1-F21, Rockville, Maryland. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC PDR Reference Staff at (800) 397-4209, (301) 415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Comments should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** document. Comments must be submitted in writing (electronic file on disk in Microsoft Word format preferred) and are to include:

- Name;
- Address;
- Telephone number;
- E-mail address;
- Relevant paragraph number in the document being reviewed, and

- When appropriate, proposed alternative text.

The DOT and the NRC will review the comments received from industry and the public. Based in part on the information received, the U.S. will develop comments on the revised draft of TS-R-1 to be submitted to the IAEA by February 15, 2008.

Comments from the United States and other IAEA member states will be considered at an IAEA Transport Safety Standards Committee (TRANSSC) Meeting to be convened by IAEA on March 3-7, 2008, in Vienna, Austria. Subsequent domestic compatibility rulemakings by both NRC and DOT may be necessary after IAEA final publication of the 2009 revised TS-R-1.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of November, 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David W. Pstrak,

Chief, Rules, Inspections, and Operations Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

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Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8-55, DC-8F-54, and DC-8F-55 Airplanes; and Model DC-8-60, DC-8-70, DC-8-60F, and DC-8-70F Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to supersede an existing airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to certain McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8-55, DC-8F-54, and DC-8F-55 airplanes; and Model DC-8-60, DC-8-70, DC-8-60F, and DC-8-70F series airplanes. The existing AD currently requires a one-time inspection for previous repairs of the aft fuselage skin panel at the longeron 28 skin splice; repetitive inspections for cracks of the same area; and related investigative and corrective actions. The existing AD also provides optional actions for extending the

repetitive inspection intervals. This proposed AD would re-define and more clearly describe the optional actions for extending the repetitive inspection intervals. This proposed AD results from our determination that the inspections and actions described in the existing AD do not adequately address the unsafe condition. We are proposing this AD to detect and correct cracks in the aft fuselage skin at the longeron 28 skin splice, which could lead to loss of structural integrity of the aft fuselage, resulting in rapid decompression of the airplane.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by January 7, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Long Beach Division, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90846, Attention: Data and Service Management, Dept. C1-L5A (D800-0024).

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (telephone 800-647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Mowery, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120L, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712-4137; telephone (562) 627-5322; fax (562) 627-5210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: