

Rump (ASPA 151), when conditions and ship schedules allow.

Location: Western Shore of Admiralty Bay, (ASPA 128) and Lion's Rump (ASPA 151), King George Island.

Dates: October 01, 2009 to August 31, 2010.

2. *Applicant:* Permit Application No. 2010-005, Scott Borg, Director, Division of Antarctic Sciences, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. Principal Investigators and their teams plan to enter Arrival Heights (ASPA 122) to work on projects that include, but are not limited to operation of an ELF/VLF receiver, riometer and magnetometer for studies of the earth's magnetic field and ionosphere, high latitude neutral mesospheric and thermospheric dynamics and thermodynamics, UV monitoring, aerosols investigations, and pollution surveys. In addition, Crary Science and Engineering Center Research Associate(s) will need to access the site daily for equipment monitoring, data acquisition, calibrations, and repairs. Official scientific visitors may enter the site for educational and/or oversight purposes. Personnel from the Facilities Engineering and Maintenance Center and other support departments may need to be called upon to perform inspections, maintenance or repair functions at the facilities within the ASPA. Other personnel will need to enter APSA 122 to monitor and maintain or repair weather equipment within the site. OPP Division Directors and Program managers may need to enter the site for oversight purposes. Antarctic Environmental Enforcement Officers may enter the site to observe and determine whether modifications to the Management Plan or the USAP implementing procedures are warranted.

Location: Arrival Heights, Ross Island (ASPA 122).

Dates: October 01, 2009 to September 30, 2014.

3. *Applicant:* Permit Application No. 2010-006, Mahlon C. Kennicutt, II, Professor of Oceanography, Department of Oceanography, Eller Oceanography & Meteorology Bldg., Rm. 608, 3146 Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-1112.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant plans to enter Arrival Heights (ASPA 122) and Hut Point (ASPA 158) to collect soil and permafrost samples as part of the

ongoing environmental monitoring program. Samples will also be collected from Cape Bird (ASPA 116) as a reference control area for their study of the temporal and spatial scales of various types of disturbance in and around McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

Location: Cape Bird (ASPA 116), Arrival Heights (ASPA 122) and Hut Point (ASPA 158).

Dates: November 17, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

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Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0276]

Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance and availability of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1221.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Hixon, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: (301) 251-7639 or e-mail to Jeffrey.Hixon@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft regulatory guide (DG), entitled, "Control of Stainless Steel Weld Cladding of Low-Alloy Steel Components," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1221, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-1221 is proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.43, dated May 1973.

General Design Criterion I, "Quality Standards and Records," of Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," to Title 10, part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and

Utilization Facilities," of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR part 50) requires that components important to safety be designed, fabricated, and tested to quality standards commensurate with the importance of the safety function to be performed. Appendix B, "Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Fuel Processing Plants," to 10 CFR part 50, requires that measures be established to ensure control of special processes such as welding and that proper testing be performed. This guide describes acceptable methods of implementing these requirements with regard to the selection and control of welding processes used for cladding ferritic steel components with austenitic stainless steel to restrict practices that could result in underclad cracking. This guide is limited to forgings and plate material and does not apply to other product forms such as castings and pipe. Adequate resistance to underclad cracking for these latter items should be assured on a case-by-case basis. This guide applies to light-water-cooled reactors.

II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-1221. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data and should mention DG-1221 in the subject line. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

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1. *Mail comments to:* Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

2. *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID [NRC-2009-0276]. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, 301-492-3668; e-mail Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

3. *Fax comments to:* Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 492-3446.

Requests for technical information about DG-1221 may be directed to the NRC contact, Jeffrey Hixon at (301) 251-7639 or e-mail to Jeffrey.Hixon@nrc.gov.

Comments would be most helpful if received by August 31, 2009. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but

the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Electronic copies of DG-1221 are available through the NRC's public Web site under Draft Regulatory Guides in the "Regulatory Guides" collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies are also available in ADAMS (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>), under Accession No. ML090750044.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), which is located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4205, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of June 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance and availability of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Hixon, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: (301) 251-7639 or e-mail to Jeffrey.Hixon@nrc.gov.

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The draft regulatory guide (DG), entitled, "Control of the Processing and Use of Stainless Steel," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1224, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-1224 is proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.44, dated May 1973.

General Design Criterion 1, "Quality Standards and Records," and Criterion 4, "Environmental and Dynamic Effects Design Bases," of Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," to Title 10, Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 50) require that components be designed, fabricated, erected, and tested to quality standards commensurate with the importance of the safety functions to be performed and that they be designed to accommodate the effects of and be compatible with the environmental conditions associated with normal operation, maintenance, testing, and postulated accident conditions. Appendix B, "Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Fuel Reprocessing Plants," to 10 CFR Part 50 requires that measures be established to ensure materials control and control of special processes such as welding and heat treating and to ensure performance of reliable testing programs. This guide describes acceptable methods of implementing the above requirements with regard to control of the application and processing of stainless steel to avoid severe sensitization that could lead to stress-corrosion cracking. This guide applies to light-water-cooled reactors.

II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-1224. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data and should mention DG-1224 in the subject line. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

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