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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Telephone: (202) 395-3741.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Congress directed the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to prepare an annual Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations. Specifically, Section 624 of the FY 2001 Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, also known as the "Regulatory Right-to-Know Act," (the Act) requires OMB to submit a report on the costs and benefits of Federal regulations together with recommendation for reform. The Act states that the report should contain estimates of the costs and benefits of regulations in the aggregate, by agency and agency program, and by major rule, as well as an analysis of impacts of Federal regulation on State, local, and Tribal governments, small businesses, wages, and economic growth. The Act also states that the report should be subject to notice and comment and peer review.

In this draft Report, available at: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg\\_regpol\\_reports\\_congress/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg_regpol_reports_congress/), OMB offers the following recommendations:

1. Consistent with Executive Order 13563, regulatory decisions and priority-setting should be made in a way that is attentive to the importance of promoting economic growth, innovation, job creation, and competitiveness.

2. Agencies should accompany all economically significant regulations with (1) a tabular presentation, placed prominently and offering a clear statement of qualitative and quantitative benefits and costs of the proposed or planned action, together with (2) a presentation of uncertainties and (3) similar information for reasonable alternatives to the proposed or planned action.

3. Agencies should continue to use "breakeven analysis" when quantification is not possible, with such analysis defined as the specification of how high the unquantified or unmonetized benefits would have to be in order for the benefits to justify the costs.

4. Consistent with OMB Circular A-4, for regulations intended to reduce mortality risks, agencies should consider the use of cost-effectiveness analysis and, specifically, the development of estimates for the "net cost per life saved."

5. Consistent with Executive Order 13563, and in particular the emphasis on "the open exchange of information and perspectives among state, local, and tribal officials, experts in relevant disciplines, affected stakeholders in the private sector, and the public as a whole," agencies should promote public participation and transparency through the use of regulations.gov and other technological means.

6. In order to promote trade and exports, agencies should promote regulatory cooperation initiatives alongside key trading partners.

Consistent with Executive Order 13563, OMB is especially interested in how to improve retrospective analysis of existing rules. OMB requests information about published and unpublished studies, conceptual and empirical, involving such retrospective analysis. OMB also requests suggestions about how to improve understanding of the accuracy of prospective analyses of rules and how to undertake retrospective analysis. Methodological suggestions are particularly welcome. Suggestions about particular rules that should be reevaluated, as well as studies of particular rules, should be directed to the agencies themselves.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. 50-156; NRC-2010-0203]**

### **University of Wisconsin; Notice of Issuance of Renewed Facility License No. R-74**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has issued renewed Facility License No. R-74, held by the University of Wisconsin (the licensee), which authorizes continued operation of the University of Wisconsin Nuclear Reactor (UWNR), located in Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin. The UWNR is a pool-type, light-water-moderated and cooled TRIGA (Training, Research, Isotope Production, General Atomics) reactor licensed to operate at a steady-state power levels up to and including 1 megawatt thermal and short duration power pulses with reactivity insertions up to 1.4%  $\Delta k/k$ . The renewed Facility License No. R-74 will expire at midnight 20 years from its date of issuance.

The renewed facility license complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as

amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's regulations in Title 10, Chapter 1, "Nuclear Regulatory Commission," of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), and sets forth those findings in the renewed facility license. The agency afforded an opportunity for hearing in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing published in the **Federal Register** on June 18, 2010 (75 FR 34769-34774). The NRC received no request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene following the notice.

The NRC staff prepared a safety evaluation report for the renewal of Facility License No. R-74 and concluded, based on that evaluation, the licensee can continue to operate the facility without endangering the health and safety of the public. The NRC staff also prepared an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the renewal of the facility license, noticed in the **Federal Register** on September 16, 2010 (75 FR 56597-56601), and concluded that renewal of the facility license will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

For details with respect to the application for renewal, see the licensee's letter dated May 9, 2000 (ML093570404), as supplemented on September 7, 2004 (ML093570441); October 17, 2008 (ML100740573); June 16, 2010 (two letters, ML101690137 and ML101690083), July 8, 2010 (ML102110051), August 11, 2010 (ML102320209), November 22, 2010 (ML103300040), December 8, 2010 (ML103480028); January 28, 2011 (ML110340310), and February 8, 2011 (ML110410534). Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of March 2011.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0277]

### Notice of issuance of Regulatory Guide

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance and Availability of Regulatory Guide 1.44, Revision 1, "Control of the Processing and Use of Stainless Steel."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary L. Stevens, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 251-7569 or e-mail [Gary.Stevens@nrc.gov](mailto:Gary.Stevens@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information such as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency'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.

Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.44, "Control of the Processing and Use of Stainless Steel," was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1224. This guide describes methods that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for implementing requirements about 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

In June 2009, DG-1224 was published with a public comment period of 60 days from the issuance of the guide. The public comment period was extended until October 1, 2009. The staff's responses to the comments received are located in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No.

ML101680258. Electronic copies of Regulatory Guide 1.44, Revision 1 are available through the NRC's public Web site under "Regulatory Guides" at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. The regulatory analysis may be found under ADAMS Accession No. ML101680238.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) located at Room O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738. 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) 397-4209, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of March 2011.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### January 2011 Pay Schedules

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President has signed an Executive order stating that certain civilian employee pay schedules are not adjusted in 2011 and remain at 2010 levels. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Dismond, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; (202) 606-2858; FAX (202) 606-0824; or email to [pay-leave-policy@opm.gov](mailto:pay-leave-policy@opm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 22, 2010, the President signed Executive Order 13561 (75 FR 81817), which documented the January 2011 pay schedules. Pursuant to Public Law 111-242, as amended by Public Law 111-322, December 22, 2010, the Executive order provides that 2011 pay rates for the civilian employee pay schedules covered by the order are not adjusted and remain at 2010 levels.

Schedule 1 of Executive Order 13561 provides the rates for the 2011 General

Schedule (GS) and reflects no increase from 2010. Executive Order 13561 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2011 locality payments, which remain at 2010 levels except for employees in nonforeign areas. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13561.)

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in section 5(b) of Executive Order 13561 that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2011 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

GS employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the United States (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5921(4)) and its territories and possessions. In 2011, locality payments ranging from 9.44 percent to 35.15 percent apply to GS employees in the 34 locality pay areas. The 2011 locality pay area definitions can be found at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/11tables/locdef.asp>.

The 2011 locality pay percentages became effective on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2011 (January 2, 2011). An employee's locality rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of pay (as defined in 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.609.) The Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 contained in subtitle B (sections 1911-1919) of title XIX of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Pub. L. 111-84, October 28, 2009) extended coverage of the locality pay program to employees in Alaska, Hawaii, and the other nonforeign areas in 2010. For 2011, the statute provides that employees in each of these areas receive two-thirds of the applicable locality rate.

Executive Order 13561 documents that the Executive Schedule rates of pay remain at the 2010 levels. By law, Executive Schedule officials are not authorized to receive locality payments.

Executive Order 13561 documents the 2011 range of rates of basic pay for senior executives in the Senior Executive Service (SES) under 5 U.S.C. 5382. The minimum rate of basic pay for the SES remains at \$119,554 in 2011. The maximum rate of the SES rate range continues to be \$179,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SES members covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system and \$165,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SES members covered by an SES performance appraisal system that has not been certified.

The minimum rate of basic pay for the senior-level (SL) and scientific and