

staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 1 of RG1.68.3 was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG–1268. This guide describes methods and procedures the staff of the NRC considers acceptable to implement preoperational testing of the instrument and control air systems (ICAS) in a commercial nuclear power plant. Successful demonstration of the operability of the ICAS is one of the items required by Appendix A, “General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants,” in part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities.” This guide also describes the methods that the NRC staff finds acceptable for the initial test program for ICAS systems, structures, and components (SSCs) in accordance with the regulations in 10 CFR Part 52, “Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants,” Subpart B, “Standard Design Certifications,” and Subpart C, “Combined Licenses.”

II. Further Information

DG–1268, was published in the **Federal Register** on March 16, 2012 (77 FN 15813), for a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on May 18, 2012. No public comments on DG–1268 were received; therefore no content changes were made during its conversion to a regulatory guide.

III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Issuance of this final regulatory guide does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (the Backfit Rule) and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. As discussed in the “Implementation” section of this regulatory guide, the NRC has no current intention to impose this regulatory guide on holders of current operating licenses or combined licenses.

This regulatory guide may be applied to applications for operating licenses and combined licenses docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance of the final regulatory guide, as well as future applications for operating licenses and combined licenses submitted after the issuance of the regulatory guide. Such

action does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) or is otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provision in 10 CFR Part 52, inasmuch as such applicants or potential applicants are not within the scope of entities protected by the Backfit Rule or the relevant issue finality provisions in Part 52.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of September, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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Chief, Regulatory Guide Development Branch,
Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from July 1, 2012, to July 31, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Senior Executive Resources Services, Executive Resources and Employee Development, Employee Services, 202–606–2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/. OPM also publishes annually a consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B and C appointing authorities current as of June 30 as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule A

Schedule A authorities to report during July 2012.

75. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Sch. A, 213.3175)

(a) One Asian Studies Program Administrator, one International Security Studies Program Administrator, one Latin American Program Administrator, one Russian Studies Program Administrator, one West European Program Administrator, one Environmental Change & Security Studies Program Administrator, one United States Studies Program Administrator, two Social Science Program Administrators, one Middle East Studies Program Administrator, one African Studies Program Administrator and one Global Sustainability and Resilience Program Administrator.

The following correction was made under Schedule A.

11. Department of Homeland Security (Sch. A, 213.3211)

(e) Papago Indian Agency—Not to exceed 25 positions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Tactical Officers (Shadow Wolves) in the Papago Indian Agency in the State of Arizona when filled by the appointment of persons of one-fourth or more Indian blood. (Formerly 213.3105(b)(9))

Schedule B

Schedule B authorities to report during July 2012.

11. Department of Homeland Security (Sch. B, 213.3211)

(b) Secret Service—Positions concerned with the protection of the life and safety of the President and members of his immediate family, or other persons for whom similar protective services are prescribed by law, when filled in accordance with special appointment procedures approved by OPM. Service under this authority may not exceed:

- (1) A total of 4 years; or
- (2) 120 days following completion of the service required for conversion under Executive Order 11203. (Formerly 213.3205(d)).

Schedule C

| Agency name | Organization name | Position title | Authorization No. | Effective date |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Department of Agriculture | Farm Service Agency | State Executive Director | DA120089 | 7/3/2012 |
| | Office of Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. | Staff Assistant | DA120091 | 7/6/2012 |
| | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. | Special Assistant | DA120092 | 7/6/2012 |
| Department of Commerce | Office of the Chief of Staff | Director of Advance | DC120134 | 7/3/2012 |
| | Office of Under Secretary | Deputy Chief of Staff | DC120129 | 7/10/2012 |

| Agency name | Organization name | Position title | Authorization No. | Effective date |
|--|--|--|-------------------|----------------|
| | Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration. | Senior Director for Performance and Business Process Improvement. | DC120136 | 7/10/2012 |
| | Office of the Director | Associate Director for Legislative, Education and Intergovernmental Affairs. | DC120137 | 7/10/2012 |
| | Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance. | Senior Advisor | DC120139 | 7/24/2012 |
| | Advocacy Center | Special Assistant | DC120141 | 7/24/2012 |
| | Office of Public Affairs | Press Secretary | DC120146 | 7/25/2012 |
| Council on Environmental Quality ... | Council on Environmental Quality .. | Special Assistant (Communications). | EQ120005 | 7/3/2012 |
| | Council on Environmental Quality .. | Special Assistant Public Engagement. | EQ120006 | 7/6/2012 |
| Department of Defense | Washington Headquarters Services | Defense Fellow | DD120086 | 7/3/2012 |
| | Washington Headquarters Services | Defense Fellow | DD120089 | 7/3/2012 |
| | Washington Headquarters Services | Defense Fellow | DD120090 | 7/3/2012 |
| | Washington Headquarters Services | Defense Fellow | DD120091 | 7/3/2012 |
| | Washington Headquarters Services | Defense Fellow | DD120092 | 7/3/2012 |
| | Washington Headquarters Services | Defense Fellow | DD120096 | 7/12/2012 |
| Department of Education | Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs. | Confidential Assistant | DB120080 | 7/17/2012 |
| | Office of the Secretary | Confidential Assistant | DB120069 | 7/19/2012 |
| | Office of the Secretary | Special Assistant | DB120077 | 7/19/2012 |
| | Office of the Secretary | Confidential Assistant | DB120082 | 7/30/2012 |
| Department of Energy | Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. | Special Advisor | DE120113 | 7/6/2012 |
| | Office of Management | Special Assistant | DE120115 | 7/19/2012 |
| | Office of the Secretary | Special Assistant | DE120119 | 7/20/2012 |
| | Office of Environmental Management. | Special Assistant | DE120122 | 7/24/2012 |
| Export-Import Bank | Office of Communications | Speechwriter | EB120004 | 7/6/2012 |
| General Services Administration | Office of the Administrator | Press Secretary | GS120023 | 7/12/2012 |
| Department of Health and Human Services. | Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs. | Regional Director, Atlanta, Georgia, Region IV. | DH120122 | 7/24/2012 |
| Department of Homeland Security .. | U.S. Customs and Border Protection. | Senior Advisor for Strategic Communications. | DM120145 | 7/10/2012 |
| | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. | Public Affairs and Strategic Communications Assistant. | DM120151 | 7/30/2012 |
| | Office of the Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs Directorate. | Special Assistant | DM120155 | 7/30/2012 |
| Department of Justice | Office of the Attorney General | Special Assistant | DJ120079 | 7/2/2012 |
| Department of Labor | Employment and Training Administration. | Senior Policy Advisor | DL120070 | 7/10/2012 |
| | Office of the Secretary | Special Assistant | DL120072 | 7/25/2012 |
| National Aeronautics and Space Administration. | Chief of Staff | Special Assistant | NN120061 | 7/12/2012 |
| Office of Management and Budget | National Security Programs | Confidential Assistant | BO120030 | 7/6/2012 |
| Office of National Drug Control Policy. | Office of Intergovernmental Public Liaison. | Public Engagement Specialist | QQ120004 | 7/20/2012 |
| Securities and Exchange Commission. | Office of the Chairman | Deputy Director, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. | SE120005 | 7/26/2012 |
| Small Business Administration | Office of the Administrator | Senior Advisor | SB120028 | 7/12/2012 |
| | Office of Entrepreneurial Development. | Director of Clusters and Skills Initiatives. | SB120027 | 7/13/2012 |
| Department of State | Bureau of Legislative Affairs | Senior Advisor | DS120097 | 7/6/2012 |
| | Office of the Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy and Human Rights. | Senior Advisor | DS120098 | 7/12/2012 |
| | Office of the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Affairs. | Staff Assistant | DS120096 | 7/19/2012 |
| | Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. | Staff Assistant | DS120090 | 7/20/2012 |
| Department of the Treasury | Under Secretary for Domestic Finance. | Special Assistant | DY120101 | 7/11/2012 |
| | Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets. | Senior Policy Analyst | DY120106 | 7/13/2012 |

| Agency name | Organization name | Position title | Authorization No. | Effective date |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Department of Veterans Affairs | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs. | Special Assistant | DV120061 | 7/13/2012 |

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were revoked during July 2012.

| Agency | Organization | Position title | Authorization No. | Effective date |
|--|---|--|-------------------|----------------|
| Department of Commerce | Office of Policy and Strategic Planning. | Special Assistant | DC110086 | 7/6/2012 |
| | Office of the Deputy Secretary | Special Assistant | DC120023 | 7/7/2012 |
| | Office of the Chief of Staff | Deputy Director of Advance | DC110117 | 7/8/2012 |
| | Office of the Chief of Staff | Senior Advisor to the Secretary | DC120018 | 7/9/2012 |
| Department of Homeland Security .. | International Trade Administration | Special Advisor | DC100140 | 7/28/2012 |
| | Office of the Executive Secretary for Operations and Administration. | Secretary Briefing Book Coordinator. | DM110023 | 7/6/2012 |
| | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. | Special Projects Coordinator | DM120134 | 7/18/2012 |
| | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs. | Confidential Assistant | DM120061 | 7/20/2012 |
| Department of Justice | Office of the Attorney General | Director of Advance | DJ090218 | 7/27/2012 |
| | Civil Rights Division | Counsel | DJ100004 | 7/28/2012 |
| Department of the Air Force | Office of Assistant Secretary Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller. | Special Assistant, Financial Administration and Programs. | DF100005 | 7/14/2012 |
| Environmental Protection Agency ... Small Business Administration | Operations Staff | Special Representative | EP120005 | 7/13/2012 |
| | Office of Management and Administration. | Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Management and Administration. | SB110019 | 7/14/2012 |
| | Office of Entrepreneurial Development. | Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development. | SB100042 | 7/14/2012 |
| United States International Trade Commission. | Office of the Chairman | Executive Assistant | TC020003 | 7/3/2012 |

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

John Berry,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Salary Council

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Salary Council will meet on October 19, 2012, at the time and location shown below. The Council is an advisory body composed of representatives of Federal employee organizations and experts in the fields of labor relations and pay policy. The Council makes recommendations to the President’s Pay Agent (the Secretary of Labor and the Directors of the Office of

Management and Budget and the Office of Personnel Management) about the locality pay program for General Schedule employees under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code. The Council’s recommendations cover the establishment or modification of locality pay areas, the coverage of salary surveys, the process of comparing Federal and non-Federal rates of pay, and the level of comparability payments that should be paid.

The Council will hear public testimony about the locality pay program, review the results of pay comparisons, and formulate its recommendations to the President’s Pay Agent on pay comparison methods, locality pay rates, and locality pay areas and boundaries for 2014. The meeting is open to the public. Please contact the Office of Personnel Management at the address shown below if you wish to submit testimony or present material to the Council at the meeting.

DATES: October 19, 2012, at 9 a.m.

Location: Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 1350, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerome D. Mikowicz, Deputy Associate Director, Pay and Leave, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7H31, Washington, DC 20415–8200. Phone (202) 606–2838; FAX (202) 606–4264; or email at *pay-leave-policy@opm.gov*.

For The President’s Pay Agent:

John Berry,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor