

3:35–4:25 p.m. CSB Subcommittee on Facilities (SCF)
4:25–5:00 p.m. Joint session—SCF and CPP

November 9, 2016

12:55–2:55 p.m. (Plenary)

Closed Sessions

November 9, 2016

9:00–10:05 a.m. (CSB)
10:05–10:25 a.m. (CPP)
10:45–11:10 a.m. (Plenary)
11:00–11:25 a.m. (Plenary Executive)

Matters to be Discussed

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Plenary Board meeting

Open session: 8:00–8:35 a.m.

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- Announcement of New Members and Ceremonial Oath of Office
- Overview of Major Issues for Meeting
- Report on Site Visits
- Highlights from Board Retreat
- NSF Director's Remarks

Committee on Strategy and Budget

Open session: 8:35–9:35 a.m.

- Committee Chairs' Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Update on FY 2017 Budget
- Ongoing Development of 2018–2022 Strategic Plan

Committee on Audit and Oversight (A&O)

Open session: 9:50–10:50 a.m.

- A&O Chair's Opening Remarks
- OIG Semiannual Report
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Report: Implementation of Recommendation on Management Fee
- Merit Review Pilot Report
- Inspector General's Update
- Update on Financial Statement Audit
- Introduction of New Inspector General for Audit
- OIG FY 2017 Audit Plan
- Chief Financial Officer's Update
- NSF Intergovernmental Personnel Act Program Update

Committee on Science and Engineering Indicators (SEI)

Open session: 10:50–11:45 a.m.

- SEI Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Update on STEM Ph.D.s Career Pathways Companion Brief
- *Discussion:* Indicators 2018 Overview and Transmittal Letter

Committee on Programs and Plans

Open session: 1:15–3:15 p.m.

- CPP Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- CY 2017 Schedule of Planned Action and Information Items
- Review of NSB's Delegation of Award Authority
- Advanced Computing Infrastructure and Polar Realignment Updates
- *Overview of BIO Portfolio:* Status and Timelines

CSB Subcommittee on Facilities (SCF)

Open session: 3:35–4:25 p.m.

- SCF Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Discussion of Facilities-related Information Products

Joint Session of SCF and CPP

Open session: 4:25–5:00 p.m.

- Committee Chairs' Opening Remarks
- Discussion of Facilities Roles and Responsibilities
- Discussion of the Annual Facility Plan

Matters to be Discussed

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Committee on Strategy and Budget

Closed session: 9:00–10:05 a.m.

- CSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Update on NSF FY 2018 Budget Request Development

Committee on Programs and Plans

Closed Session: 10:05–10:25 a.m.

- Committee Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- NEON Operations and Maintenance Update

Plenary Board

Closed session: 10:45–11:00 a.m.

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- NSF Director's Remarks
- Closed Committee Reports

Plenary Board (Executive)

Closed session: 11:00 a.m.–11:25 a.m.

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- Recommendations for 2017 NSB Vannevar Bush and Public Service Awards

Plenary Board

Open session: 12:55–2:55 p.m.

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
- Approval of Prior Minutes
- NSF Director's Remarks
- Action Item: Changes to the Waterman Award Terms
- Changes to the Annual Facility Plan
- Discussion of NSB Structure
- Discussion of Materials for the Presidential Transition

- Report from the Congressional Engagement Working Group
- Overview of NSF's Relocation
- Open Committee Reports

Meeting Adjourns—2:55 P.M.

Chris Blair,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2016–0224]

Restart of a Nuclear Power Plant Shut Down by a Seismic Event

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft regulatory guide; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG) DG–1337, “Restart of a Nuclear Power Plant Shut Down by a Seismic Event.” It represents proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.167. The guide describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff that can be used to demonstrate that a nuclear power plant is safe for restarting after a shutdown caused by a seismic event.

DATES: Submit comments by January 3, 2017. Comments received after this 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.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specified subject):

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2016–0224. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN–12H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–

0001. For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2016–0224 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this action. You may obtain publically-available information related to this action, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2016–0224.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The DG is electronically available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16182A321.

- *NRC’s PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2016–0224 in your comment submission. The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC posts all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enters the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should

inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

II. Additional Information

The NRC is issuing for public comment a DG in the NRC’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information regarding 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 issues or postulated events, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The DG, entitled “Restart of a Nuclear Power Plant Shut Down by a Seismic Event,” is a proposed revised guide temporarily identified by its task number, DG–1337. The proposed revision of RG 1.167 describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff that can be used to demonstrate that a nuclear power plant is safe for restarting after a shutdown caused by a seismic event. It incorporates lessons learned following the shutdown of nuclear power plants due to earthquake ground shaking and post-earthquake evaluations since Revision 0 was issued in 1997. They include experience gained through the shutdown and restart process of the North Anna nuclear power plant following the Mineral, Virginia earthquake in 2011. It endorses, with some exceptions, sections of ANS/ANSI–2.23–2016, “Nuclear Power Plant Response to an Earthquake,” that relate to post-shutdown inspections and tests, inspection criteria, documentation, and long-term evaluations. The guidance includes an action level matrix to direct actions based on the earthquake level and observed damage levels at a nuclear power plant.

III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

DG–1337 describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff that can be used to demonstrate that a nuclear power plant is safe for restarting after a shutdown caused by a seismic event. Issuance of this DG, if finalized, would not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (the Backfit Rule) and would not otherwise be inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. As discussed in the

“Implementation” section of this DG, the NRC has no current intention to impose this guide, if finalized, on holders of current operating licenses or combined licenses.

This DG may be applied to applications for operating licenses, combined licenses, early site permits, and certified design rules docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance of the final regulatory guide, as well as future applications submitted after the issuance of the regulatory guide. Such action would not constitute backfitting as defined in the Backfit Rule or be 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: October 28, 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2016–0225]

Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is updating and requesting comments on its guidance for electronic submittals to reflect changes in technology by posting the latest version of its “Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC (Revision 8).” This guidance document will provide direction for the electronic transmission and submittal of documents to the NRC.

DATES: Submit comments by December 5, 2016. 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: You may submit comment by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search