

Committee; Human Exploration and Operations Research Advisory Committee.

Purpose and Objectives: Each of the five (5) NASA Federal advisory committees will advise NASA on scientific matters within the scope of its respective area of responsibility. Specifically, the scientific matters involve NASA research programs, policies, plans, and priorities pertaining to astrophysics, heliophysics, Earth science, planetary science, and human exploration and operations research. The five (5) NASA Federal advisory committees will function solely as advisory bodies and will comply fully with the provisions of FACA.

Membership: Membership of each of the five (5) NASA Federal advisory committees and any subordinate groups formed under each committee shall consist of individual subject-matter experts who will serve as Special Government Employees (unless they are Regular Government Employees). They will be chosen from among academia, industry and government with demonstrated and well-recognized knowledge, expertise and experience in fields relevant to their respective scientific disciplines. The membership of each Federal advisory committee will be fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and functions to be performed. Diversity shall be considered as well.

Duration: Each of the five (5) NASA Federal advisory committees is a discretionary committee and is envisioned to be continuing entity subject to charter renewals every two years.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, Division of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Or by email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 26, 2016, the National Science Foundation published notices in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. The permits were issued on November 29, 2016 to:

1. Wendell J. Long, Jr., Permit No. 2017-024
2. Andrew G. Fountain, Permit No. 2017-025
3. Donald Fortescue, Permit No. 2017-026

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2014-0254]

Advanced Light-Water Reactor Probabilistic Risk Assessment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Interim staff guidance; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Interim Staff Guidance (ISG), DC/COL-ISG-028, "Assessing the Technical Adequacy of the Advanced Light-Water Reactor Probabilistic Risk Assessment for the Design Certification Application and Combined License Application." The purpose of this ISG is to provide guidance for assessing the technical adequacy of the probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) needed for advanced light-water reactor (ALWR) design certification (DC) and combined license (COL) applications. This guidance addresses only the typical conditions for the DC and COL application.

DATES: The DC/COL-ISG-028 is available on December 2, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2014-0254 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods.

- **Federal Rulemaking Web site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2014-0254. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **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. For the convenience of the reader, the ADAMS accession numbers are provided in a table in the "Availability of Documents" section of this document.

- **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.

- **NRC's Public Web site:** NRC posts its issued staff guidance at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isg>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Lintz, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-4051; email: Mark.Lintz@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC is issuing DC/COL-ISG-028, "Assessing the Technical Adequacy of the Advanced Light-Water Reactor Probabilistic Risk Assessment for the Design Certification Application and Combined License Application," to provide specific review guidance for assessing the technical adequacy of the PRA needed for an application for a DC of an ALWR under part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants," specifically 10 CFR 52.47(a)(27). This ISG will also apply to an application for a COL under 10 CFR 52.79(a)(46). Specifically, this guidance addresses how these applicants can use American Society of Mechanical Engineers/American Nuclear Society (ASME/ANS) RA-Sa-2009, "Addenda to ASME/ANS RA-S-2008 Standard for Level 1/ Large

Early Release Frequency Probabilistic Risk Assessment for Nuclear Power Plant Applications,” (the PRA Standard), as endorsed by NRC’s Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.200, Revision 2, “An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities.”

The NRC staff intends to incorporate DC/COL–ISG–028 into the next revision of RG 1.200, Revision 2; RG 1.206, “Combined License Applications for Nuclear Power Plants;” NUREG–0800, “Standard Review Plan (SRP) for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants;” and SRP Chapter 19.0, “Probabilistic Risk Assessment and Severe Accident Evaluation for New Reactors,” as appropriate.

II. Public Comments

The NRC issued draft DC/COL–ISG–028, “Assessing the Technical Adequacy of the Advanced Light-Water Reactor Probabilistic Risk Assessment for the Design Certification Application and Combined License Application,” in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 2014 (79 FR 70575), for a 60-day comment period. The comment period ended on January 26, 2015.

The Commission received 49 comments from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). These comments were addressed and are available in the comment resolution document.

III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

The NRC is issuing this ISG to assist the NRC staff when assessing the technical adequacy of PRAs submitted as part of ALWR DC and COL applications. Issuance of this ISG does not constitute backfitting as defined in

§ 50.109 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) (the Backfit Rule) or otherwise be inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. The NRC staff’s position is based upon the following considerations.

1. *The ISG positions do not constitute backfitting, inasmuch as the ISG is internal guidance to NRC staff.*

The ISG provides interim guidance to the NRC staff on how to review an application for NRC regulatory approval in the form of licensing. Changes in internal NRC staff guidance are not matters for which either nuclear power plant applicants or licensees are protected under 10 CFR 50.109 or the issue finality provisions of 10 CFR part 52.

2. *Backfitting and issue finality—with certain exceptions discussed below—do not protect current or future applicants.*

Applicants are not, with certain exceptions, protected by either the Backfit Rule or any issue finality provisions under 10 CFR part 52. This is because neither the Backfit Rule nor the issue finality provisions under 10 CFR part 52—with certain exclusions discussed below—were intended to apply to every NRC action that substantially changes the expectations of current and future applicants.

The exceptions to the general principle are applicable whenever an applicant references a 10 CFR part 52 license (e.g., an early site permit) or NRC regulatory approval (e.g., a design certification rule) with specified issue finality provisions. The NRC staff does not, at this time, intend to impose the positions represented in the ISG in a manner that is inconsistent with any issue finality provisions. If, in the future, the NRC staff seeks to impose a

position in the ISG in a manner that does not provide issue finality as described in the applicable issue finality provision, then the NRC staff must address the criteria for avoiding issue finality as described in the applicable issue finality provision.

3. *NRC consideration of PRA impacts to address the application of the PRA Standard are outside the scope of matters subject to backfitting protection, and are not a violation of issue finality provisions.*

The NRC consideration of PRA impacts to address the application of the PRA Standard, and an applicant’s submission of risk-assessment information needed to support the NRC’s assessment of the technical adequacy of the PRA, do not fall within the scope of matters that constitute backfitting. Consideration of PRA impacts to address the application of the PRA Standard falls within the scope of matters protected under issue finality provisions. However, this protection applies only if a COL application references a PRA. Therefore, issuance of this ISG does not constitute a violation or inconsistency of the issue finality provisions applicable to COL applications referencing a PRA.

IV. Congressional Review Act

This ISG is a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801–808). However, the Office of Management and Budget has not found it to be a major rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act.

V. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available as indicated.

| Document title | ADAMS accession No. |
|---|---------------------|
| Interim Staff Guidance-028, “Assessing the Technical Adequacy of the Advanced Light-Water Reactor Probabilistic Risk Assessment for the Design Certification Application and Combined License Application” (Clean Version). | ML16130A468 |
| Interim Staff Guidance-028, “Assessing the Technical Adequacy of the Advanced Light-Water Reactor Probabilistic Risk Assessment for the Design Certification Application and Combined License Application” (Redline Version). | ML16155A055 |
| Interim Staff Guidance-028, Comment Resolution Table | ML16130A466 |
| NUREG–0800, Revision 3, “Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants: LWR Edition, Chapter 19.0, Severe Accidents”. | ML15089A068 |
| Regulatory Guide 1.200, Revision 2, “An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities”. | ML090410014 |
| Regulatory Guide 1.206, “Combined License Applications for Nuclear Power Plants” | ML070720184 |

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of November, 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Joseph Colaccino,

Chief, New Reactor Rulemaking and Guidance Branch, Division of Engineering Infrastructure and Advanced Reactors, Office of New Reactors.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

**Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory
Committee; Open Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee Meeting Date in 2017.

SUMMARY: According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, U.S. Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal prevailing rate employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

This scheduled meeting is open to the public with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meeting either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of

the U.S. Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public. Reports for calendar years 2008 to 2015 are posted at <http://www.opm.gov/fprac>. Previous reports are also available, upon written request to the Committee.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on these meetings may be obtained by contacting the Committee at U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5H27, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-2858.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Sheldon Friedman,

Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2017-46]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* December 5, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3007.40.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* CP2017-46; *Filing Title:* Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* November 23, 2016; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3015.5; *Public Representative:* Max E. Schnidman; *Comments Due:* December 5, 2016.