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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Joint Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittees on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena and Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and Probabilistic Risk Assessment; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittees on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena and Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment will hold a joint meeting on April 5, 2017, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T-2B1, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Wednesday, April 5, 2017—8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.*

The Subcommittees will review the staff's Draft Safety Evaluation Report Regarding South Texas Project's GSI-191 risk-informed license amendment request. The Subcommittees will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the Licensee, NRC staff and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittees will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Derek Widmayer (Telephone 301-415-5375 or Email [Derek.Widmayer@nrc.gov](mailto:Derek.Widmayer@nrc.gov)) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were

published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 2016, (81 FR 71543).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs>. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the Web site cited above or by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. After registering with Security, please contact Mr. Theron Brown (Telephone 240-888-9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2017-0079]

### Quality Assurance Program Criteria (Design and Construction)

**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-1326, "Quality Assurance Program Criteria (Design and Construction)." This proposed guide, Revision 5, updates the guidance to endorse, with clarification or exceptions, multiple revisions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers standard NQA-1 titled "Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications." The proposed revision describes methods that NRC considers acceptable for establishing and implementing a quality assurance (QA) program for the design and construction of nuclear power plants and fuel reprocessing plants.

**DATES:** Submit comments by May 26, 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-2017-0079. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto: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 Bladley, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN-12H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ashley Thomas, Office of New Reactors, telephone: 301-415-6638, email: [Ashley.Ferguson@nrc.gov](mailto:Ashley.Ferguson@nrc.gov); and Stephen Burton, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301-415-7000, email: [Stephen.Burton@nrc.gov](mailto:Stephen.Burton@nrc.gov). Both are staff members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

##### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2017-0079 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-2017-0079.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publically 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 available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16180A264.

- *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–2017–0079 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, “Quality Assurance Program Criteria (Design and Construction),” is a proposed revision temporarily identified by its task number, DG–1326. Draft Guide-1326 is proposed revision 5 of Regulatory Guide 1.28, “Quality Assurance Program Criteria (Design and Construction).” The guide describes methods that the NRC considers acceptable for establishing

and implementing a QA program for the design and construction of nuclear power plants and fuel reprocessing plants as established within the provisions of part 50 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities,” and part 52, “Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants,” which refer to part 50, Appendix B, “Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Fuel Reprocessing Plants.”

This revision of the guide (Revision 5) updates the guidance to endorse, with clarification or exceptions, multiple revisions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers standard NQA–1 titled “Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications.”

### III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Draft Guide-1326 describes methods that the NRC considers acceptable for establishing and implementing a QA program for the design and construction of nuclear power plants and fuel reprocessing plants. Issuance of this DG, if finalized, would not constitute backfitting as defined in § 50.109 (the Backfit Rule) and would not otherwise be inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in part 52. As discussed in the “Implementation” section of this DG, the NRC has no current intention to impose this guidance, 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 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 21st day of March 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Thomas H. Boyce,**

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Submission for Review: Occupational Questionnaire, OPM Form 1203–FX

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

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Automated Systems Management Group, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a new information collection request (ICR), Occupational Questionnaire, OPM Form 1203–FX. The Occupational Questionnaire is an optical scan form designed to collect applicant information and qualifications in a format suitable for automated processing and to create applicant records for an automated examining system.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 26, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Automated Systems Management Group, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Sara Kunkle or sent via electronic mail to *Sara.Kunkle@opm.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Automated Systems Management Group, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Sara Kunkle or sent via email to *Sara.Kunkle@opm.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104–106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection (OMB No 3206–0040). The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;