

Oversight for Issuing Certificates of Compliance for Radioactive Material Packages,” are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML19140A059 and ML17228A217, respectively.

- *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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted an audit of the NRC’s oversight of issuing certificates of compliance for radioactive material packages and spent fuel storage casks. The OIG documented its findings in a report entitled, OIG–17–A–21, “Audit of NRC’s Oversight for Issuing Certificates of Compliance for Radioactive Material Packages,” dated August 16, 2017. The OIG recommended, in part, that the NRC staff conduct an analysis to develop a regulatory and technical basis for the expiration term for the certificates of compliance for transportation packages.

II. Discussion

Certificates of compliance are issued pursuant to title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, part 71, “Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material.” The current 5-year expiration term for these certificates was not established by rule, but by agency practice, and the 5-year term was not documented in a technical evaluation. In response to OIG’s recommendation, the NRC conducted an analysis of the regulatory and technical bases for the expiration term for certificates of compliance and documented its conclusions in the Basis Document. The Basis Document provides the NRC’s analysis, including reviews of the NRC’s statutory authority, regulations, agency guidance, and current process for review of applications for transportation package design approvals. The NRC also included information on its evaluation of expiration terms in other NRC program areas in which certificates are issued, stakeholder interactions, the impact of changing expiration terms for transportation certificates of compliance related to foreign competent authorities, and factors to consider in the NRC’s evaluation.

The NRC has determined that, absent a request from a vendor for a different

term, a 5-year expiration term is appropriate for certificates of compliance for transportation packages, and has documented this determination in a Basis Document. As is further explained in the Basis Document, a longer expiration term could provide equivalent protection for public health and safety, and could potentially save some burden for some NRC certificate holders. The NRC has determined, however, that the efficiency in maintaining consistency between NRC, U.S. Department of Transportation, and foreign competent authority expiration dates in certificates outweighs any burden saved. Moreover, NRC regulations afford flexibility in selecting an appropriate term and certificate holders may request a longer renewal term on a case-by-case basis, with appropriate supporting documentation.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of July 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2019–0049]

Information Collection: Security Acknowledgment and Termination Statement

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted a proposed collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The information collection is entitled, “Security Acknowledgment and Termination Statement.”

DATES: Submit comments by August 7, 2019. 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 on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments directly to the OMB reviewer at: OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150–XXXX), Attn: Desk Officer for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503; email: oir_submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Cullison, NRC Clearance Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2084; email: INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2019–0049 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website*: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/> and search for Docket ID NRC–2019–0049. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID NRC–2019–0049 on this website.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS)*: You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://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. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML19165A243. The supporting statement and Security Acknowledgment and Termination Statement are available in ADAMS under ADAMS Accession No. ML19165A245.

- *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 Clearance Officer*: A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting the NRC’s Clearance Officer, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2084; email: INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your

comment submission. All comment submissions are posted at <https://www.regulations.gov/> and entered into ADAMS. Comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the OMB, 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 comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC recently submitted a request for renewal of an existing collection of information to OMB for review entitled, "Security Acknowledgment and Termination Statement." The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The NRC published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on April 8, 2019 (84 FR 13976).

1. *The title of the information collection:* Security Acknowledgment and Termination Statement.
2. *OMB approval number:* An OMB control number has not yet been assigned to this proposed information collection.
3. *Type of submission:* New.
4. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 176.
5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* On Occasion.
6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* NRC Employees, Licensees and contractors.
7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 400.
8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 400.
9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 80.
10. *Abstract:* The NRC Form 176, "Security Acknowledgment and Termination Statement" is completed by employees, licensees and contractors in connection with the termination of their access authorization/security clearance granted by the NRC and to

acknowledgment and accept their continuing security responsibility.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of July 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2018-0023]

Qualification and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 4 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.8, "Qualification and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants." This RG describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with those portions of the Commission's regulations associated with the selection, qualifications, and training for nuclear power plant personnel. Revision 4 updates the RG with additional experience gained since Revision 3 was issued in 2000 by endorsing American National Standards Institute/American Nuclear Society (ANSI/ANS)-3.1-2014, "Selection, Qualification, and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants," with exceptions and clarifications.

DATES: Revision 4 to RG 1.8 is available on July 8, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2018-0023 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 Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/> and search for Docket ID NRC-2018-0023. Address questions about NRC docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals 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 <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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. Revision 4 to RG 1.8 and the regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML19101A395 and ML16091A271, respectively.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide 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 agency's regulations, techniques that the NRC staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and data that the NRC staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 4 of RG 1.8 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1329. This revision updates the RG with additional experience gained through inspections since Revision 3 was issued in 2000. It endorses American National Standards Institute/American Nuclear Society (ANSI/ANS)-3.1-2014, "Selection, Qualification, and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants," with certain exceptions and clarifications that are listed in the Staff Regulatory Guidance section of the RG.

II. Additional Information

The NRC published a notice of the availability of DG-1329 in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2018 (83 FR 6053), for a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on April 13, 2018. Public comments on DG-1329 and the staff responses to the public comments are