

or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

II. Background

The ADVANCE Act was signed into law by President Biden on July 9, 2024. The Act, which can be found at <https://www.congress.gov/118/bills/s870/BILLS-118s870enr.pdf>, contains a variety of requirements relevant to the NRC. They address a wide range of NRC activities, such as the NRC's budgeting process, recruitment and retention of the NRC workforce, reduced fee rates for advanced nuclear reactor applicants and pre-applicants, the regulatory framework for advanced reactors and fusion technology, as well as strategies to enhance the NRC's efficient, timely, and predictable reviews of license applications. The Act also requires the NRC to provide reports to Congress on various topics. The NRC has initiated implementation of the Act and will be taking additional actions to carry out the Act's provisions, including requirements with deadlines over the course of the next few years.

III. Discussion

The ADVANCE Act requires the NRC to take a number of actions while maintaining the NRC's core mission to protect public health and safety and promote the common defense and security. The NRC is undertaking multiple actions to implement the requirements of the ADVANCE Act and meet the Act's various deadlines. The NRC will periodically hold public meetings on the NRC's efforts to implement the ADVANCE Act. The NRC may make preliminary material, such as white papers, available to support stakeholder engagement during public meetings. If preliminary material is released to support a public meeting on ADVANCE Act implementation, information about the preliminary material will be included in the corresponding public meeting notice. The information discussed at the public meetings and any preliminary material made publicly available may be incomplete in one or more respects; however, the NRC welcomes diverse stakeholder feedback to inform its efforts to implement the ADVANCE Act.

Public meetings to support the NRC's implementation of the ADVANCE Act will be noticed in the NRC's Public Meeting Notice System at least 10 days in advance of the scheduled meeting. The NRC will not issue a **Federal Register** notice each time a public meeting is scheduled. Please monitor the public web page.

Feedback on the NRC's implementation of the ADVANCE Act can also be provided via the publicly available feedback form on the NRC's ADVANCE Act website at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/governing-laws/advance-act/contactus.html>, or via email through ADVANCE-Act.Resource@nrc.gov. The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your submission provided through this feedback form or email address. The NRC will enter the 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 into ADAMS.

Submissions received will be considered as part of the NRC's implementation of the ADVANCE Act, and whether the NRC responds to the submission may depend on the nature of the question or comment. Submissions may be used or modified by the NRC in the NRC's implementation of the ADVANCE Act without attribution to the author of the submission.

Dated: September 23, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael King,

Special Assistant to the Executive Director for Operations, Office of the Executive Director for Operations.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Draft Interim Staff Guidance: Contamination Control, Radiological Survey, and Dose Modeling Considerations To Support License Termination at Sites With Environmental Discrete Radioactive Particle Contamination

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft guidance; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is soliciting public comment on its draft Interim Staff Guidance (ISG), DUWP-ISG-03, "Draft Interim Staff Guidance on Contamination Control, Radiological Survey, and Dose Modeling Considerations to Support License Termination at Sites with Environmental Discrete Radioactive Particle Contamination." The draft ISG addresses contamination control, radiological surveys, and dose modeling regarding discrete radioactive particles (DRPs) that are found in the environment due to an unplanned release or that potentially could be released to the environment during decommissioning. If finalized, this ISG would allow staff to develop consistent guidance regarding contamination control, particularly focused on non-diffuse contamination, during the decommissioning process, as well as provide acceptable survey approaches and dose methods for discrete radioactive particles until the appropriate NRC regulatory guidance can be updated.

DATES: Submit comments by October 28, 2024. 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: You may submit comments by any of the following methods however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website.

- *Federal rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2024-0151. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

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: Amy M. Snyder, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone:

301-415-6822; email: Amy.Snyder@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2024-0151 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-2024-0151.

- *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, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document. The draft ISG is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML24219A032.

- *NRC's PDR*: The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC-2024-0151 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 will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter 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 into ADAMS.

II. Discussion

Current decommissioning guidance is focused on addressing diffuse residual radioactivity with respect to performing surveys and assessing potential public exposure after license termination and does not address discrete radioactive particle contamination nor discuss how to control this type of contamination during decommissioning. For these reasons, the NRC staff have approached each past instance of DRP contamination on a case-by-case basis which may have led to some perceived inconsistencies in the approach to decommissioning. This draft guidance presents an acceptable approach for addressing discrete radioactive particle contamination throughout the decommissioning process. Such non-diffuse contamination can be found at power reactors, as well as fuel cycle facilities during any phase of decommissioning.

The staff is also issuing for public comment a draft regulatory analysis (ADAMS Accession No. ML24227A987).

III. Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

Issuance of this ISG, if finalized, would not (i) constitute backfitting as defined in section 50.109 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Backfitting," 70.76, "Backfitting," and 72.62, "Backfitting," and as described in Management Directive (MD) 8.4, "Management of Backfitting, Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests"; or (ii) affect issue finality of any approval issued under 10 CFR part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants"; or (iii) constitute forward fitting as that term is defined and described in MD 8.4, because licensees would not be required to comply with the positions set forth in this ISG, if finalized.

Dated: September 20, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jane Marshall,

Director, Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery, and Waste Programs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Historical Pension Plan Tracing Service Intake Information

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of request for approval of information collection.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a new collection of information. The purpose of the information collection is to obtain information that the Office of the PBGC Participant and Plan Sponsor Advocate requires from the public to conduct its pension plan tracing service. This notice informs the public of PBGC's request and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

All comments received will be posted without change to PBGC's website, www.pbgc.gov, including any personal information provided. Do not submit comments that include any personally identifiable information or confidential business information.

A copy of the request will be posted on PBGC's website at <https://www.pbgc.gov/prac/laws-and-regulation/federal-register-notices-open-for-comment>. It may also be obtained without charge by writing to the Disclosure Division (disclosure@pbgc.gov), Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024-2101; or, calling 202-229-4040 during normal business hours. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monica O'Donnell (odonnell.monica@pbgc.gov), Attorney, Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024-2101, 202-229-8706. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or have a speech