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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC–2022–0039]**

### **Dedication of Commercial-Grade Digital Instrumentation and Control Items for Use in Nuclear Power Plants**

**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–1402, “Dedication of Commercial-Grade Digital Instrumentation and Control Items for Use in Nuclear Power Plants.” This DG is a proposed new regulatory guide for the dedication of commercial-grade digital instrumentation and control (I&C) items for use in nuclear power plant safety applications.

**DATES:** Submit comments by April 18, 2022. 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.

**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–2022–0039. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301–415–0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individuals 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:**

Michael Eudy, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301–415–3104, email: [Michael.Eudy@nrc.gov](mailto:Michael.Eudy@nrc.gov) and Dinesh Taneja, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, telephone: 301–415–0011, email: [Dinesh.Taneja@nrc.gov](mailto:Dinesh.Taneja@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 2022–0039 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 2022–0039.

- *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](mailto: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.

- *NRC’s PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents, by appointment, at the NRC’s PDR, Room P1 B35, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (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 2022–0039 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. Additional Information**

The NRC is issuing for public comment a DG in the NRC’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency’s regulations, to explain techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and to describe information that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The DG, entitled “Dedication of Commercial-Grade Digital Instrumentation and Control Items for Use in Nuclear Power Plants,” is temporarily identified by its task number, DG–1402 (ADAMS Accession No. ML22003A180).

The staff is also issuing for public comment a draft regulatory analysis (ADAMS Accession No. ML22003A181) for DG–1402. The staff developed the regulatory analysis to assess the value of issuing DG–1402 as well as alternative courses of action.

The draft guide is a proposed new regulatory guide for the dedication of commercial-grade digital I&C items for use in nuclear power plant safety applications. It endorses, with clarifications, Nuclear Energy Institute 17–06, “Guidance on Using IEC 61508 SIL Certification to Support the Acceptance of Commercial Grade Digital

Equipment for Nuclear Safety Related Applications,” Revision 1, issued December 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21337A380), to supplement existing guidance.

### III. Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

The NRC staff may use this regulatory guide as a reference in its regulatory processes, such as licensing, inspection, or enforcement. However, the NRC staff does not intend to use the guidance in this regulatory guide to support NRC staff actions in a manner that would constitute backfitting as that term is defined in Section 50.109 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Backfitting,” and as described in NRC Management Directive (MD) 8.4, “Management of Backfitting, Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests,” nor does the NRC staff intend to use the guidance to affect the issue finality of an approval under 10 CFR part 52. The staff also does not intend to use the guidance to support NRC staff actions in a manner that constitutes forward fitting as that term is defined and described in MD 8.4. If a licensee believes that the NRC is using this regulatory guide in a manner inconsistent with the discussion in this Implementation section, then the licensee may file a backfitting or forward fitting appeal with the NRC in accordance with the process in MD 8.4.

### IV. Submitting Suggestions for Improvement of Regulatory Guides

A member of the public may, at any time, submit suggestions to the NRC for improvement of existing RGs or for the development of new RGs. Suggestions can be submitted on the NRC’s public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/contactus.htm>. Suggestions will be considered in future updates and enhancements to the “Regulatory Guide” series.

Dated: March 14, 2022.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2022-0001]

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** Weeks of March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022. All listed meeting times are local to the meeting location.

**PLACE:** Multiple (See Additional Information Below).

**STATUS:** Public.

#### Week of March 21, 2022

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

9:30 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative)

(a) Final Rule—Fitness for Duty Drug Testing Requirements (RIN 3150 AI67; NRC-2009-0225) (Tentative)

(b) NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC (Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2), Appeal from LBP 21 5 (Tentative)

(Contact: Wesley Held: 301-287-3591)

*Additional Information:* Due to COVID-19, there will be no physical public attendance. The public is invited to attend the Commission’s meeting live; via teleconference. Details for joining the teleconference in listen only mode may be found at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>.

#### Week of March 28, 2022—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of March 28, 2022.

#### Week of April 4, 2022—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of April 4, 2022.

#### Week of April 11, 2022—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of April 11, 2022.

#### Week of April 18, 2022—Tentative

Friday, April 22, 2022

6:00 p.m. Discussion of the Ten-Year Plan to Address Impacts of Uranium Contamination on the Navajo Nation and Lessons Learned from the Remediation of Former Uranium Mill Sites (Public Meeting); (Contact: Wesley Held: 301-287-3591)

*Additional Information:* The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1530 W Maloney Ave., Gallup, New Mexico. The public is invited to attend the Commission’s meeting live by webcast at the web address—<https://video.nrc.gov/>. For those who would like to attend in person, note that all visitors are required to complete the

NRC Self-Health Assessment and Certification of Vaccination forms. Visitors who certify that they are not fully vaccinated or decline to complete the certification must have proof of a negative Food and Drug Administration-approved PCR or Antigen (including rapid tests) COVID-19 test specimen collection from no later than the previous 3 days prior to the meeting date. The protocols are the same as those for entering an NRC facility. The forms and additional information can be found here <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/covid-19/guidance-for-visitors-to-nrc-facilities.pdf>.

#### Week of April 25, 2022—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of April 25, 2022.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Wesley Held at 301-287-3591 or via email at [Wesley.Held@nrc.gov](mailto:Wesley.Held@nrc.gov). The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the internet at: <https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

The NRC provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in these public meetings or need this meeting notice or the transcript or other information from the public meetings in another format (e.g., braille, large print), please notify Anne Silk, NRC Disability Program Specialist, at 301-287-0745, by videophone at 240-428-3217, or by email at [Anne.Silk@nrc.gov](mailto:Anne.Silk@nrc.gov). Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Members of the public may request to receive this information electronically. If you would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555, at 301-415-1969, or by email at [Wendy.Moore@nrc.gov](mailto:Wendy.Moore@nrc.gov) or [Betty.Thweatt@nrc.gov](mailto:Betty.Thweatt@nrc.gov).

The NRC is holding the meetings under the authority of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: March 16, 2022.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Wesley W. Held,**

Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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