

IV. Legislative Revisions to the PAYGO Scorecards

Section 7 of Public Law 117–71, the Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act, states, “For the purposes of the annual report issued pursuant to section 5 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 934) after adjournment of the first session of the 117th Congress, and for determining whether a sequestration order is necessary under such section, the debit for the budget year on the 5-year scorecard, if any, and the 10-year scorecard, if any, shall be deducted from such scorecard in 2022 and added to such scorecard in 2023.” Accordingly, both the 5- and 10-year scorecards deduct the debit from 2022 and add that debit to 2023.

V. Sequestration Order

As shown on the scorecards, the budgetary effects of PAYGO legislation enacted in the first session of the 117th Congress, combined with section 7 of Public Law 117–71, resulted in no costs on either the 5-year or the 10-year scorecard in the budget year, which is 2022 for the purposes of this Report. Because the costs for the budget year, as shown on the scorecards, were set to zero for the budget year, there is no “debit” on either scorecard under section 3 of the PAYGO Act, 2 U.S.C. 932, and a sequestration order is not required.⁵

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2021–0087]

Preparing Probabilistic Fracture Mechanics Submittals

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a new Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.245 (Revision 0), “Preparing Probabilistic Fracture Mechanics Submittals” and accompanying NUREG/CR–7278, “Technical Basis for the use of Probabilistic Fracture Mechanics in

Regulatory Applications.” This RG describes a framework to develop the contents of a licensing submittal that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable when performing probabilistic fracture mechanics (PFM) analyses in support of regulatory applications. The NUREG provides the technical basis for RG 1.245.

DATES: Revision 0 to RG 1.245 is available on January 26, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2021–0087 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–2021–0087. 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 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. 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 Public Document Room (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 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.

Revision 0 to RG 1.245, the associated regulatory analysis, and NUREG/CR–7278 may be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML21334A158, ML21034A261, and ML22014A406, respectively.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC is issuing a new 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.

RG 1.245 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG–1382, ADAMS Accession No. ML21034A328.

II. Additional Information

The NRC published a notice of the availability of DG–1382 in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 2021 (86 FR 52927) for a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on October 25, 2021. Public comments and the staff responses to the public comments on DG–1382 are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML21306A292.

III. Congressional Review Act

This RG 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.

IV. Backfitting and Issue Finality

RG 1.245 and NUREG/CR–7278 do not constitute backfitting as 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;” do not constitute forward fitting as that term is defined and described in MD 8.4; and do not affect the issue finality of any approval issued under 10 CFR part 52. As explained in RG 1.245, applicants and licensees are not be required to comply with the positions set forth in the RG.

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⁵ Sequestration reductions pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act (BBEDCA) Section 251A for 2022 were calculated and ordered in a separate report and are not affected by this determination. See: https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/BBEDCA_251A_Sequestration_Report_FY2022.pdf

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2021-0217]

Monitoring Criteria and Methods to Calculate Occupational Radiation Doses

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Draft regulatory guide;
extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On December 17, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) solicited comments on draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-8060, "Monitoring Criteria and Methods to Calculate Occupational Radiation Doses." The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on January 31, 2022. The NRC has decided to extend the public comment period to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments.

DATES: The due date for comments requested in the document published on December 17, 2021 (86 FR 71676) is extended until March 2, 2022. Comments should be filed no later than March 2, 2022. 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-2021-0217. 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 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 accessing information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2021-0217 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding 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-2021-0217.
- *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 questions regarding use of ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov.
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B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking Website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC-2021-0217 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 <https://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

This DG, titled "Monitoring Criteria and Methods to Calculate Occupational Radiation Doses," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-8060. The DG is a proposed Revision 1 of RG 8.34 (ADAMS Accession No.

ML21068A160). The proposed revision of RG 8.34 (Revision 1) describes acceptable methods for calculating the total effective dose equivalent. Proposed Revision 1 also provides acceptable methods for:

- Performing prospective dose evaluations,
- monitoring of unintended doses,
- monitoring dose from hot particles,
- assessing dose from wound injuries,
- calculating soluble uranium intakes, and
- processing of dosimetry devices.

On October 25, 2013, the NRC staff issued DG-8031, "Monitoring Criteria and Methods to Calculate Occupational Radiation Doses," (ADAMS Accession No. ML13168A098), for public comment (78 FR 64030). DG-8031 was the proposed Revision 1 to RG 8.34. The NRC staff has elected not to finalize DG-8031 and is issuing DG-8060 as a replacement. The staff notes that DG-8060 considers and addresses technical issues and public comments related to the issuance of DG-8031.

III. Discussion

On December 17, 2021, the NRC published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 71676) requesting comments on DG-8060, "Monitoring Criteria and Methods to Calculate Occupational Radiation Doses." Upon the request of the Nuclear Energy Institute, the NRC has decided to extend the public comment period on this document until March 2, 2022, to allow more time for members of the public to submit their comments.

Dated: January 20, 2022.