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Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a proposed revision of a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1087 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is titled "Evaluating the Habitability of a Nuclear Power Plant Control Room During a Postulated Hazardous Chemical Release." DG-1087 is a proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.78, and it is being revised to propose guidance on control room habitability during a postulated hazardous chemical release, including chlorine. When Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.78 is issued, it will incorporate and withdraw Regulatory Guide 1.95, "Protection of Nuclear Power Plant Control Room Operators Against an Accidental Chlorine Release," since many of the regulatory positions in these two guides are the same or similar.

This draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Comments will be most helpful if received by April 10, 2001.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking web site through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the ability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking web site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@NRC.GOV. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. S. Basu at (301) 415-6774; e-mail SXB2@NRC.GOV.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, 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.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Regulatory Guides; Withdrawal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is withdrawing Regulatory Guide 8.14, "Personnel Neutron Dosimeters." Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 8.14, published in August 1977, endorsed ANSI N319-1976, "American National Standard for Personnel Neutron Dosimeters (Neutron Energies Less Than 20 MeV)," which has been replaced by ANSI N13.52-1999, "Personnel Neutron Dosimeters." Regulatory Guide 8.14 does not need to be revised because regulations are in place that require licensees to have an adequate dosimetry program.

Licensees are required by 10 CFR 20.1501 to use dosimetry processors accredited through the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP). NVLAP requires processors to use new standards for

personnel dosimetry, ANSI N13.52-1999 and ANSI N13.11-1993, "Personnel Dosimetry Performance-Criteria for Testing," to maintain an appropriate quality for dosimetry processing.

Licensees should note that the guidance in Regulatory Positions 1.b and 1.c of Regulatory Guide 8.14 regarding the use of calculated neutron dose equivalents is also contained in Regulatory Guide 8.4, "Direct-Reading and Indirect-Reading Pocket Dosimeters." The use of calculated neutron dose equivalents is still applicable because Regulatory Guide 8.4 has not been withdrawn.

Regulatory guides may be withdrawn when they are superseded by the NRC's regulations, when equivalent recommendations have been incorporated in applicable approved codes and standards, or when changes in methods and techniques or in the need for specific guidance have made them obsolete.

Comments and suggestions in connection with regulatory guides being developed and effective guides are encouraged at any time. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. (5 U.S.C. 552(a))

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

The Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 [15 U.S.C. Section 79A et seq.] requires the filing of an application