

Plants and Fuel Reprocessing Plants,” to 10 CFR part 50, “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities.” Furthermore, a licensee’s compliance with the requirements of appendix B to 10 CFR part 50 is subject to inspection by the NRC. As such, the NRC has reasonable assurance that the existing regulations provide adequate protection of public health and safety.

Comment: A comment from an anonymous individual stated that current internal labs in the utility industry should be required to go through the same requirements that external calibration facilities must go through when calibrating and testing equipment for nuclear plants. According to this comment, it is not economically fair for the external calibration labs to pay for and go through the rigorous audits and try to compete for business when internal laboratories are not required to pay for this expensive certification. This comment suggests that this petition puts every calibration business on an equal playing field and would ensure uniform, basic knowledge and skills prior to employment and continuing education each year after to satisfy certification renewal.

NRC Response: The NRC disagrees with this comment. Training requirements for nuclear power plant personnel, including calibration technicians, are covered under criterion II, “Quality Assurance Program,” of appendix B to 10 CFR part 50, “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities.” Meeting these requirements provides reasonable assurance that the calibration technicians will have the education, training, knowledge, and skills necessary to adequately perform their responsibilities. The economic considerations for external calibration activity facilities are outside the scope of NRC’s rulemaking determination. To the extent that a nuclear power plant licensee chooses to use an external calibration facility, the licensee must ensure that the calibration facility meets appendix B requirements.

Comment: A comment from an anonymous individual stated that any entity such as the Tennessee Valley Authority’s Central Lab Calibration Services should be accredited. According to this comment, just because the Tennessee Valley Authority is a federal agency does not mean it should not have to adhere to the rules of all the other calibration services.

NRC Response: The NRC disagrees with this comment. When performing safety-related calibration services for nuclear power plants, Tennessee Valley Authority’s Central Lab Calibration

Services must meet the requirements of criterion II of appendix B to 10 CFR part 50. Meeting this regulation provides reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety.

Comment: A comment from James Anderson, a private citizen, requested that the NRC not reduce time or money spent on nuclear power plants.

NRC Response: The NRC interprets this comment to request that the NRC not reduce its oversight or resources spent on the regulation of nuclear power plants. The NRC considers the comment to be out-of-scope of this petition.

Comment: The petitioner, Michael Taylor, submitted a document providing revisions to the PRM, including grammatical corrections and a few minor clarifications of the original petition.

NRC Response: The NRC considered the revised PRM submitted in this comment.

III. Reasons for Denial

The NRC is denying the petition because the petition does not raise a significant safety or security concern that would warrant the requested changes to the NRC’s regulations. To reach this determination, the staff evaluated the merits of the petition, public comments received, the immediacy of any safety concerns raised by the petition, and the NRC’s relevant past decisions and current policies. Specifically, staff considered existing NRC requirements for the control of measuring and test equipment. Although the NRC does not require nuclear power plant laboratories to be certified by accrediting organizations, their programs for safety-related measuring and test equipment calibration must meet the requirements in 10 CFR part 50, “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities,” appendix B, “Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Fuel Reprocessing Plants,” criterion XII, “Control of Measuring and Test Equipment,” and their programs are subject to NRC inspection. The NRC inspections provide additional assurance that licensees are adequately implementing the requirements of criterion XII of appendix B to 10 CFR part 50 to measure and test equipment programs through direct inspection of calibration and testing activities. These direct inspections ensure that measurement calculations are being adequately performed.

Any safety-related calibrations or measurements that are performed at metrology laboratories utilized by nuclear power plants would fall under these requirements. The requirements

for the training of nuclear power plant personnel performing safety-related activities are covered by criterion II, “Quality Assurance Program,” of appendix B to 10 CFR part 50. Any personnel performing safety-related calibrations in an onsite laboratory or at a metrology laboratory utilized by nuclear power plants would fall under these requirements.

In addition, the NRC conducted an independent search of all license event reports and greater-than-green inspection findings from 2015 onward and did not identify any examples of safety issues caused by improper calibrations of measurement and test equipment at nuclear power plant internal laboratories or by the lack of laboratory certification requirements.

In summary, the NRC is denying the petition because the petition does not raise a significant safety or security concern. The requested amendments to NRC regulations are not necessary because existing NRC regulations and inspection procedures provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety.

IV. Conclusion

For the reasons cited in this document, the NRC is denying PRM–50–118. The NRC has concluded that its existing regulations provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety.

Dated March 24, 2021.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook,

Secretary of the Commission.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Part 712

[NCUA–2021–0036]

RIN 3133–AE95

Credit Union Service Organizations (CUSOs)

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On February 26, 2021, the NCUA Board (Board) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the **Federal Register** requesting comment on the Board’s proposal to amend the NCUA’s credit union service organization

(CUSO) regulation (proposed rule). The proposed rule would accomplish two objectives: Expanding the list of permissible activities and services for CUSOs to include originating any type of loan that a Federal credit union (FCU) may originate; and granting the Board additional flexibility to approve permissible activities and services. The proposed rule provided a 30-day comment period that closed on March 29, 2021. To allow interested persons more time to consider and submit their comments, the Board has decided to extend the comment period for an additional 30 days.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published February 26, 2021, at 86 FR 11645, is extended. Responses to the proposed rule must now be received on or before April 30, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments, identified by RIN 3133–AE95, by any of the following methods (Please send comments by one method only):

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for the Docket NCUA–2021–0036.

- *Fax:* (703) 518–6319. Include “[Your Name]—Comments on Proposed Rule: Credit Union Service Organizations (CUSOs)” in the transmittal.

- *Mail:* Address to Melane Conyers-Ausbrooks, Secretary of the Board, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314–3428.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as mail address.

Public Inspection: You may view all public comments on the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<http://www.regulations.gov>) as submitted, except for those we cannot post for technical reasons. The NCUA will not edit or remove any identifying or contact information from the public comments submitted. Due to social distancing measures in effect, the usual opportunity to inspect paper copies of comments in the NCUA’s law library is not currently available. After social distancing measures are relaxed, visitors may make an appointment to review paper copies by calling (703) 518–6540 or emailing OGCMail@ncua.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Policy and Analysis:* Jacob McCall, (703) 518–6624; *Legal:* Rachel Ackmann, Senior Staff Attorney, (703) 548–2601; or by mail at National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 14, 2021, the Board issued a proposed rule to amend the NCUA’s CUSO regulation. The proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on February 26, 2021.¹ The proposed rule would accomplish two objectives: Expanding the list of permissible activities and services for CUSOs to include originating any type of loan that an FCU may originate; and granting the Board additional flexibility to approve permissible activities and services. The NCUA also sought comment on broadening FCU investment authority in CUSOs.

The proposed rule provided a 30-day public comment period that closed on March 29, 2021. The NCUA received over 600 comments on the proposed rule. Given the number of comments received and a stated interest in an extension of the comment period, the Board believes there is significant interest in the proposed rule and that it is necessary to extend the comment period to give all interested parties sufficient time to properly address the proposed changes and questions presented in the proposed rule. The Board believes that extending the comment period for an additional 30 days is appropriate. This extension should allow interested parties more time to prepare responses to the proposed rule without delaying the rulemaking.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on March 26, 2021.

Melane Conyers-Ausbrooks,
Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2019–0910]

RIN 1625–AA09

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Bayou Sara, Saraland, AL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to change the operating requirements for the CSX Transportation Railroad drawbridge across Bayou Sara, mile 0.1 near Saraland, Mobile County, Alabama. This proposed rule allows the bridge

owner to operate the bridge remotely from the CSX remote control center in Mobile, AL.

DATES: Comments and relate material must reach the Coast Guard on or before September 27, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2019–0910 using Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this proposed rule, call or email Mr. Doug Blakemore, Eighth Coast Guard District Bridge Administration Branch Chief; telephone (504) 671–2128, email Douglas.A.Blakemore@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
CSX CSX Transportation
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
OMB Office of Management and Budget
NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Advance, Supplemental)
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background, Purpose and Legal Basis

The CSX Railroad Company, the owner of the bridge requested to change operation of the bridge from a tended drawbridge to a remotely operated drawbridge. The CSX Transportation Railroad drawbridge has a vertical clearance of 5’ in the closed to navigation position and operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.105. This proposed rule will not change the operation schedule of the bridge. A copy of the bridge owners request can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov> in the Docket USCG–2019–0910.

The waterway users include recreational vessels and commercial tows; which combined requires approximately six openings a day.

CSX has completed installation of a remote operation system at the bridge and a remote control center, located in Mobile, AL. At the bridge, CSX has installed infrared cameras, closed circuit cameras and TVs, communication systems and information technology systems on the bridge that allow an operator from Mobile to monitor and control the bridge. They have also developed an operations manual that remote operators use to control each bridge.

¹86 FR 11645 (Feb. 26, 2021).