

Appendix H, “Disposition of Public Comments,” of the final ISG.

This ISG updates NUREG–2191, “Generic Aging Lessons Learned for Subsequent License Renewal (GALL–SLR) Report,” and NUREG–2192, “Standard Review Plan for Review of Subsequent License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants.” NUREG–2191 and NUREG–2192 were published in July 2017, and a full review and revision to these documents is not scheduled to be performed for several years. The staff has reviewed the first three subsequent license renewal applications (SLRAs) that were based on the above guidance documents. During these reviews, the staff and applicants identified improvements to the

guidance that would assist in preparing and reviewing future SLRAs more effectively and efficiently. This ISG provides an interim update to NUREG–2191 and NUREG–2192 to implement these improvements.

This ISG is not intended for standalone use. It provides revisions to NUREG–2191 and NUREG–2192 sections and tables that supersede the content in the NUREGs and is intended to be used within the context of the NUREGs. The revisions captured in this ISG include:

- Updates to GALL–SLR Report aging management program XI.M16A, “PWR Vessel Internals”;
- changes to aging management review items in NUREG–2191 tables and

corresponding summary tables in NUREG–2192;

- new aging management review items in NUREG–2191 tables and corresponding summary tables in NUREG–2192;
- changes to NUREG–2192 “further evaluation” guidance sections;
- updates to references listed in affected NUREG–2191 sections; and
- editorial corrections to relevant sections.

II. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons in ADAMS, as indicated.

| Document | ADAMS accession No. |
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| NUREG–2191, “Generic Aging Lessons Learned for Subsequent License Renewal (GALL–SLR) Report” | ML16274A389 (Vol. 1) ML16274A399 (Vol. 2). ML16274A402. |
| NUREG–2192, “Standard Review Plan for Review of Subsequent License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants”. | |
| Draft SLR–ISG–PWRVI–2020–XX, “Updated Aging Management Criteria for Reactor Vessel Internal Components for Pressurized-Water Reactors”. | ML20156A343. |
| Final SLR–ISG–2021–01–PWRVI, “Updated Aging Management Criteria for Reactor Vessel Internal Components for Pressurized-Water Reactors”. | ML20217L203. |
| March 28, 2019, Summary of Category 2 Public Meeting on Lessons Learned from the Review of the First Subsequent License Renewal Applications. | ML19112A206. |
| Summary of December 12, 2019, Category 2 Public Meeting on Lessons Learned from the Review of the First Subsequent License Renewal Applications. | ML20016A347. |
| February 20, 2020, Summary of Category 2 Public Meeting on Lessons Learned from the Review of the First Subsequent License Renewal Applications. | ML20076E074. |
| Summary of March 25, 2020 Meeting with Industry Related to Revisions to Subsequent License Renewal Guidance Documents. | ML20107F702. |
| Summary of April 3, 2020, Meeting with Industry Regarding Changes to Subsequent License Renewal Guidance Documents. | ML20107F733. |
| Summary of April 7, 2020, Meeting with Industry Regarding Revisions to the Subsequent License Renewal Guidance Documents. | ML20107F699. |
| Comment Letter (1) of Christopher Koehler and Brian Burgos, on behalf of the Electric Power Research Institute, Subject: “Industry Comments to Draft Interim Staff Guidance (ISG)–SLR–ISG–PWRVI–2020–XX”. | ML20245E539. |
| Comment Letter (2) of Peter W. Kissinger, on behalf of Nuclear Energy Institute, Subject: “Comments on the proposed changes to subsequent license renewal document SLR–ISG–PWRVI–2020–XX”. | ML20246G654. |

III. Backfit Discussion

This ISG intends to revise guidance for the NRC staff reviewing SLRAs and for prospective applicants in preparing SLRAs. Issuance of this ISG does not constitute a backfit as defined in section 50.109(a)(1) of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. As discussed in the “Backfitting” section of the final ISG, the ISG positions do not constitute backfitting inasmuch as the ISG is guidance directed to the NRC staff with respect to its regulatory responsibilities and to applicants who choose to follow the guidance. Applicants and potential applicants are not, with certain exceptions, the subject of either the backfit rule or any issue finality provisions under 10 CFR part 52. The NRC staff has no intention to

impose the ISG positions on existing nuclear power plant licensees either now or in the future (absent a voluntary request for a change from the licensee).

IV. Congressional Review Act

This ISG 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.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2020–0279]

Application and Testing of Safety-Related Diesel Generators 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–1303, “Application and Testing of Safety-Related Diesel Generators in Nuclear Power.” This draft guide is proposed revision 5 of Regularity Guide (RG) 1.9. DG–1303 provides updated guidance that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable to demonstrate

compliance with the NRC regulations for safety-related alternating current (AC) power supplies intended for use as onsite emergency power sources in nuclear power plants. This revision of RG 1.9 would endorse, with supplements and clarifications, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Std 387–2017, “IEEE Standard for Criteria for Diesel Generator Units Applied as Standby Power Supplies for Nuclear Power Generating Stations” and IEEE Std 2420–2019, “IEEE Standard for Combustion Turbine Generator Units Applied as Standby Power Supplies for Nuclear Power Generating Stations.” This guidance would help ensure that the standby emergency power supplies are qualified, have sufficient capacity, and have the necessary reliability and availability for design-basis events.

DATES: Submit comments by February 18, 2021. 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. Although a time limit is given, 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.

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–2020–0279. Address questions about Docket IDs in [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301–287–9127; email: Jennifer.Borges@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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Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2020–0279 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–2020–0279.
- *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.

- *Attention:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at pdr.resource@nrc.gov or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST), 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–2020–0279 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

The NRC is issuing for public comment a draft regulatory guide 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 NRC’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.

This DG titled, “Application and Testing of Safety-Related Diesel Generators in Nuclear Power Plants,” is identified by its temporary task number, DG–1303. The draft guide is proposed revision 5 of RG 1.9 of the same name (ADAMS Accession No. ML14281A071). This DG provides updated guidance for actions and information that is needed for licensees, applicants, and combined operating license (COL) holders to meet the NRC regulations for safety-related standby AC power supplies intended for use as onsite emergency power sources in nuclear power plants. Information provided in this DG may be used by NRC staff, applicants, COLs holders, and licensees. This guidance helps ensure that the emergency standby AC power supplies are qualified, have sufficient capacity, and have the necessary reliability and availability for design-basis events.

The staff is also issuing for public comment a draft regulatory analysis (ADAMS Accession No. ML14297A097). The staff develops a regulatory analysis to assess the value of issuing or revising a regulatory guide as well as alternative courses of action.

III. Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

DG–1303, if finalized, would revise RG 1.9, revision 4, which describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the NRC’s regulations for safety-related standby AC power supplies intended for use as onsite emergency power sources in nuclear power plants.

Issuance of DG–1303, if finalized, would not constitute backfitting as defined in section 50.109 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.109, “Backfitting,” and as described in NRC Management Directive (MD) 8.4, “Management of Backfitting, Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests”; constitute forward fitting as that term is defined and described in MD 8.4; or affect the

issue finality of any approval issued under 10 CFR part 52. As explained in DG-1303, applicants and licensees would not be required to comply with the positions set forth in DG-1303.

Dated: January 12, 2021.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Issuance of Multiple Exemptions in Response to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemptions; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued 68 exemptions in response to requests from 26 licensees. The exemptions afford these licensees temporary or permanent relief from certain requirements under NRC regulations. The exemptions are in response to the licensees' requests for relief due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency (PHE). The NRC is issuing a single notice to announce the issuance of the exemptions.

DATES: During the period from December 1, 2020, to December 28, 2020, the NRC granted 68 exemptions in response to requests submitted by licensees from September 30, 2020, to December 23, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2020-0110 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-2020-0110. Address questions about NRC Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual 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.

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For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the "Availability of Documents" section.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

During the period from December 1, 2020, to December 28, 2020, the NRC granted 68 exemptions in response to requests submitted by licensees from September 30, 2020, to December 23, 2020. These exemptions allow the licensees to deviate from certain requirements (as cited in this notice) of various parts of chapter I of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR).

The exemptions from certain requirements of 10 CFR part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs," for Exelon Generation Company, LLC (for Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2; Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Clinton Power Station, Unit No. 1; LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2; and Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1

and 2); for Vistra Operations Company LLC (for Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2); for Arizona Public Service Company (for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3); for PSEG Nuclear LLC (for Hope Creek Generating Station and Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2); and for Indiana Michigan Power Company (for Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2), afford these licensees temporary relief from the work-hour controls under 10 CFR 26.205(d)(1) through (d)(7). The exemptions from 10 CFR 26.205(d)(1) through (d)(7) ensure that the control of work hours and management of worker fatigue do not unduly limit licensee flexibility in using personnel resources to most effectively manage the impacts of the COVID-19 PHE on maintaining the safe operation of these facilities. Specifically, these licensees have stated that their staffing levels are affected or are expected to be affected by the COVID-19 PHE, and they can no longer meet or likely will not meet the work-hour controls of 10 CFR 26.205(d)(1) through (d)(7). These licensees have committed to effecting site-specific administrative controls for COVID-19 PHE fatigue management for personnel specified in 10 CFR 26.4(a).

The exemptions from certain requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Production and Utilization Facilities," section IV.F., "Training," for Energy Northwest (for Columbia Generating Station); for DTE Electric Company (for Fermi-2); for PSEG Nuclear LLC (for Hope Creek Generating Station and Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2); for Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (for Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3; and Palisades Nuclear Plant); for Virginia Electric and Power Company (for North Anna Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2); for Exelon Generation Company, LLC (for LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2); for Oregon State University (for the Oregon State TRIGA Reactor); for Entergy Operations, Inc. (for River Bend Station, Unit 1); for NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC (for Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1), grant temporary exemptions from the biennial emergency preparedness exercise requirement. The exemptions allow a temporary exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, regarding the conduct of the biennial emergency preparedness exercise. These exemptions will not adversely affect the emergency response capability of the facilities because affected licensee