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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guides; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment drafts of two new guides 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.

Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1102, "Design, Inspection, and Testing Criteria for Air Filtration and Adsorption Units of Post-Accident Engineered-Safety-Feature Atmosphere Cleanup Systems in Light-Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Plants," as a proposed Revision 3 to Regulatory Guide 1.52, is being developed to describe methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the NRC's regulations with regard to the design, inspection, and testing criteria for air filtration and iodine adsorption units of engineered-safety-feature atmosphere cleanup systems in light-water-cooled nuclear power plants. This guide applies only to post-accident atmosphere cleanup systems that are designed to mitigate the consequences of postulated accidents.

Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1103, "Design, Inspection, and Testing Criteria for Air Filtration and Adsorption Units of Normal Ventilation Exhaust Systems in Light-Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Plants," as a proposed Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide 1.140, is being developed to present methods acceptable to the NRC staff for meeting the NRC's regulations with regard to the criteria for air filtration and adsorption units installed in the normal ventilation exhaust systems of light-water-cooled nuclear power plants.

These draft guides have not received complete staff approval and do 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, MD. Comments will be most helpful if received by December 29, 2000.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@NRC.GOV. Electronic copies of these draft guides, under Accession Numbers ML003714744 for DG-8026 and ML003714764 for DG-8027, are available in NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room, which can also be accessed through NRC's web site, WWW.NRC.GOV. For information about the draft guides, contact Mr. J. Segala at (301) 415-1858; e-mail JPS1@NRC.GOV.

Although a time limit is given for comments on these draft guides, 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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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Cost of Hospital and Medical Care Treatment Furnished by the United States; Certain Rates Regarding Recovery From Tortiously Liable Third Persons

By virtue of the authority vested in the President by Section 2(a) of Public Law 87-693 (76 Stat. 593; 42 U.S.C. 2652), and delegated to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget by Executive Order No. 11541 of July 1, 1970 (35 FR 10737), the three sets of rates outlined below are hereby established. These rates are for use in connection with the recovery, from tortiously liable third persons, of the cost of hospital and medical care and treatment furnished by the United States (Part 43, Chapter I, Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations) through three separate Federal agencies. The rates have been established in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-25, requiring reimbursement of the full cost of all services provided. The rates are established as follows:

1. Department of Defense

The FY 2001 Department of Defense (DoD) reimbursement rates for inpatient, outpatient, and other services are provided in accordance with Title 10, United States Code, section 1095. Due to size, the sections containing the Drug Reimbursement Rates (section IV.C.) and the rates for Ancillary Services Requested by Outside Providers (section IV.D.) are not included in this package. Those rates are available from the TRICARE Management Activity's Uniform Business Office website, http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ebc/rm/rm_home.html. The medical and dental service rates in this package (including the rates for ancillary services and other procedures requested by outside providers) are effective October 1, 2000. Pharmacy rates are updated on an as needed basis.

2. Health and Human Services

The FY 2001 tortiously liable rates for Indian Health Service health facilities are based on Medicare cost reports. The obligations for the Indian Health Service hospitals participating in the cost report