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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

Based upon the application dated May 25, 2016, as supplemented January 20, 2017, February 28, 2017, June 5, 2017, July 10, 2017, and August 16, 2017, the NRC has issued a renewed license to the licensee for the North Anna ISFSI, located in Louisa County,

Virginia. The renewed license SNM–2507 authorizes and requires operation of the North Anna ISFSI in accordance with the provisions of the renewed license and its technical specifications. The renewed license will expire on June 30, 2058.

The licensee’s application for a renewed license complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the NRC’s rules and regulations. The NRC has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the NRC’s regulations in chapter 1 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), and sets forth those findings in the renewed license. The agency afforded an opportunity for a hearing in the Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing published in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 2016 (81 FR 57629). The NRC received no request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene following the notice.

The NRC staff prepared a safety evaluation report for the renewal of the

ISFSI license and concluded, based on that evaluation, the ISFSI will continue to meet the regulations in 10 CFR part 72. The NRC staff also prepared an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact for the renewal of this license, which were published on February 2, 2018 (83 FR 4932). The NRC staff’s consideration of the impacts of continued storage of spent nuclear fuel (as documented in NUREG–2157, “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Storage of Spent Fuel”) was included in the environmental assessment. The NRC staff concluded that renewal of this ISFSI license will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

II. Availability of Documents

The following table includes the ADAMS accession numbers for the documents referenced in this notice. For additional information on accessing ADAMS, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

Document	ADAMS accession No.
Licensee’s application, dated May 25, 2016	ML16153A140
Response to First Request for Additional Information, dated January 20, 2017	ML17025A128
Response to Request for Referenced Information, dated February 28, 2017	ML17065A248
Decommissioning Cost Estimate Information, dated June 5, 2017	ML17160A300
Response to Second Request for Additional Information, dated July 10, 2017	ML17198A023
Response to Second Request for Additional Information, Response to RAI 3–15, dated August 16, 2017	ML17233A170
Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM–2507	ML18031A225
SNM–2507 Technical Specifications	ML18031A227
NRC Safety Evaluation Report	ML18031A228
NRC Environmental Assessment	ML17311A450
NUREG–2157, “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Storage of Spent Fuel” Vols. 1 and 2	ML14196A105, ML14196A107

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of February, 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION**

[NRC–2018–0024]

**Fire Protection for Nuclear Power
Plants**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; revision.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 3 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.189, “Fire

Protection for Nuclear Power Plants.” Revision 3 of RG 1.189 includes administrative changes involving editorial corrections that make the document consistent with existing policy. None of the revisions involve changes to the staff regulatory positions. This guide describes a method that the NRC staff considers acceptable to meet regulatory requirements for fire protection in nuclear power plants.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2018–0024 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 <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2018–0024. Address questions about NRC dockets 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.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS)*: You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then 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. RG 1.189 is available at ADAMS Accession No. ML17340A875.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the NRC "Regulatory Guide" series. Regulatory guides were developed to describe and make available to the public information methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The NRC is issuing Revision 3 of RG 1.189 directly as a final RG, because the changes between Revision 2 and Revision 3 are administrative and non-substantive. Revision 3 of RG 1.189 also updated the guide to the current program guidance for RGs. The NRC added language to Section 1, "Fire Protection Program," to clarify the primary objectives of fire protection plans.

Since the issuance of Revision 2 of RG 1.189 in 2009, the NRC issued a Regulatory Issuance Summary to inform licensees that Inspection Manual Part 9900, Technical Guidance (TG 9900), "Operability Determinations & Functionality Assessments for Resolution of Degraded and Nonconforming Conditions Adverse to Quality and Safety," was reissued as Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0326, "Operability Determinations and Functionality Assessments for Conditions to Quality or Safety," dated January 31, 2014. Revision 3 of RG 1.189 now includes a reference to IMC 0326 (see Section 1.5, "Compensatory Measures").

Revision 3 of RG 1.189 also corrects typographic errors that previously appeared in Section 1.7.7, "Nonconforming Items," Section 1.7.4,

"Inspection," Section 2.1.1, "Transient Fire Hazards," Section 3.2.1, "Fire Protection Water Supply," and Section 3.2.3, "Fire Mains." Previously, these errors occurred during publishing of the final regulatory guide, when several paragraphs were incorrectly indented, resulting in incorrect sub-bullet numbering. These changes are intended to improve clarity and do not substantially alter the staff's regulatory guidance.

II. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Issuance of this final RG does not constitute backfitting as defined in section 50.109 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), (the Backfit Rule), and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. The changes in Revision 3 of RG 1.189 are limited to editorial changes to improve clarity and correct errors. These changes do not fall within the kinds of agency actions that constitute backfitting or are subject to limitations in the issue finality provisions of 10 CFR part 52. Accordingly, the NRC did not address the Backfit Rule or issue finality provisions of 10 CFR part 52.

III. Congressional Review Act

Revision 3 of Regulatory Guide 1.189 is not a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801-808).

IV. Submitting Suggestions for Improvement of Regulatory Guides

Revision 3 of RG 1.189 is being issued without public comment. However, a member of the public may, at any time, submit suggestions to the NRC for improvement of existing RGs or for the development of new RGs to address new issues. Suggestions can be submitted on the NRC's public website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/contactus.html>. Suggestions will be considered in future updates and enhancements to the "Regulatory Guide" series.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of February 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 72-1014, 72-59, and 50-271; NRC-2018-0020]

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.; Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station; Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemption; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption in response to a request submitted by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO) on May 16, 2017, and supplemented on September 7, 2017 and December 7, 2017, for its general license to operate an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VYNPS). This exemption would permit the VYNPS to use a new regionalized loading pattern, load fuel cooled for at least 2 years, and establish a per-cell maximum average burnup limit at 65,000 megawatt days per metric ton of uranium (MWD/MTU) in HI-STORM 100 multi-purpose canister (MPC)-68M using Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1014, Amendment No. 10.

DATES: February 13, 2018.

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• *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2018-0020. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: Jennifer.Broges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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