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#### PART I - THE SCHEDULE

# **SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE/COSTS**

#### **B.1 PROJECT TITLE**

The title of this project is as follows:

Technical Assistance in Assessing and Improving Regulatory Effectiveness

## B.2 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WORK (MAR 1987) ALTERNATE 1 (JUN 1988)

(a) Brief description of work:

The Contractor shall provide qualified, technical personnel, materials, and facilities necessary to assist NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES), Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness (DSARE) in assessing and improving regulatory effectiveness.

(b) Orders will be issued for work required by the NRC in accordance with 52.216-18 - Ordering. Only Contracting Officers of the NRC or other individuals specifically authorized under this contract may authorize the initiation of work under this contract. The provisions of this contract shall govern all orders issued hereunder.

# B.3 CONSIDERATION AND OBLIGATION--TASK ORDERS (AUG 1989) ALTERNATE 1 (JUN 1991)

(a) The Maximum Ordering Limitation (MOL) for products and services ordered, delivered and accepted under this contract is \$606,851.00. The Contracting Officer may place orders with the contractor during the contract period provided the aggregate amount of such orders does not exceed the MOL.

(b) The guaranteed minimum obligated by the Government under this contract is \$120,000.00.

(c) A total estimated cost as well as any fee, if any, will be negotiated for each task order and will be incorporated as a ceiling in the resultant task order. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of 52.232-20 - Limitation of Cost for fully funded task orders and 52.232-22 - Limitation of Funds for incrementally funded task orders, issued hereunder.

# SECTION C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK

# C.1 BACKGROUND

The Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness (DSARE), Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) is responsible for RES's program to assess and improve regulatory effectiveness. This program includes the following three activities: (1) perform regulatory effectiveness reviews; (2) support the development and implementation of high-level performance-based guidelines; and (3) develop the technical basis and identify opportunities to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden.

With respect to the guidelines, the NRC has developed the basic logic structure that serves as an underpinning for the high-level performance-based guidelines and provides the kind of robust technical justification to help support regulatory effectiveness assessments and develop a technical basis to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden. In addition, the staff has tested the feasibility of high-level performance-based guidelines. These guidelines are designed to identify and assess the viability of making elements of the regulatory framework performance-based. In general, a performance-based regulatory approach focuses on results as the primary basis for regulatory decision-making and as such allows licensees flexibility in meeting a regulatory requirement. This in turn, can result in a more efficient and effective regulatory process. This body of work has been published in JNUREG/CR-5392 entitled "Elements of an Approach to Performance-Based Regulatory Oversight," dated January 1999. Subsequent to this effort, the NRC has developed and tested the guidelines discussed in SECY-00-0191, "High-Level Guidelines for Performance-Based Activities," dated September 1, 2000. This effort focused on development of the guidelines and case studies where the high-level guidelines were tests in an assessment mode. Application of the guidelines entailed the development of responses for each of the three sets of guidelines described in SECY-00-019. In addition, responses to amplifying guidelines were also developed, as appropriate, and quantitative estimates were provided when possible. The case studies involved specific regulatory provisions concerning combustible gas control, and respiratory protection and controls to restrict internal exposure in restricted areas. As a result of SECY-00-0191, the staff is committed to implement the guidelines, and efforts currently underway include the development of a management directive, communications plan, and a report to the Commission, all in support of the performance-based guidelines.

With respect to regulatory effectiveness reviews, the NRC has developed a model for assessing regulatory effectiveness. This model involves a detailed comparison between expectations at the time the regulation is under development and actual outcomes observed from operational experience. To date, the model has been applied to the Station Blackout and ATWS rules. These assessments have been peer reviewed by internal and external stakeholders, and on the basis of these reviews, the model has been deemed a successful tool in assessing regulatory effectiveness.

# **C.2 CONTRACT OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this contract is to provide technical assistance to DSARE in assessing and improving regulatory effectiveness. As a result, it is envisioned that the successful contractor shall possess strong expertise in regulatory effectiveness. All services shall be requested on a Cost-Plus-Fixed Fee, task ordering basis.

# C.3 SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor shall supply the technical personnel, materials, and facilities necessary to provide the technical assistance support services required by the contract. Upon contract execution, the Contractor shall submit proposals for tasks defined by the NRC.

Most tasks can be categorized under one of the following three headings. Although not anticipated, it may become necessary to request work in support of improving regulatory effectiveness that may fall outside the scope of Categories 1, 2, and 3. If this is the case, a formal modification will be issued to the contract to allow for any such change in the scope of work of this contract.

Category 1: Regulatory Effectiveness Reviews The Contractor shall perform additional reviews of specific regulations, similar in scope to the USI-A45, Decay Heat

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Removal review. Other potential areas are effectiveness reviews of Appendix B of 10 CFR Part 50, and the Maintenance Rule (10 CFR 50.65).

Category 2: High-Level Performance-Based Guidelines

The Contractor shall provide technical assistance to the NRC for work associated with implementation of the guidelines, beyond those specified in SECY-00-0191, "High-Level Guidelines for Performance-Based Activities". Such tasks may arise as a result of new direction by the Commission, the Performance-Based Regulation Working Group, or from one of the advisory committees to the NRC. For example, one potential task, concerning the appropriate relationship between performance standards and defense in depth, was raised during the review of the guidelines by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS).

Category 3: Technical Basis for Reducing Unnecessary Regulatory Burden

The NRC is strongly committed to initiatives directed at reducing unnecessary regulatory burden. In general, it will be necessary to identify and evaluate candidate regulations that will meet this objective. It is anticipated that a specific task order will be issued to develop a technical basis for reducing unnecessary regulatory burden.

## C.4 TECHNICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

It is anticipated that four (4) labor categories shall be required under this contract: 1. Senior Executive, 2. Senior Engineer, 3. Junior Information Technologist, and 4. Administrative Staff.

The Senior Executive and the Senior Engineer shall meet the minimum qualifications stated below:

A thorough understanding of all completed and on-going regulatory effectiveness reviews (viz., station blackout, anticipated transient without scram (ATWS), and maintenance rules).

Knowledgeable with the derivation and bases for the guidelines described in SECY-00-0191 ("High-Level Guidelines for Performance-Based Activities"), and have experience in applying these guidelines to specific regulations.

Knowledgeable with Commission papers issued on performance-based regulatory approaches (viz., SECY-98-132, SECY-99-176, and SECY-00-0191), as well as the White Paper on "Risk-Informed and Performance-Based Regulation".

Key personnel must demonstrate their capability to deal with complex technical issues and identify innovative approaches to regulatory issues.

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# C.5 NRC FURNISHED MATERIALS

Any documents or information that are required for the performance of work will be identified in each task order.

# C.6 MEETINGS AND TRAVEL

Each task order will specify any required meetings or travel required for performance of the work detailed in the task order's Statement of Work. However, the Contractor shall attend a half-day meeting at NRC's Headquarters, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, every month during the contract's period of performance to discuss progress on specific elements of each task which may require that NRC provide direction to ensure progress commitment with the planned outcomes.

# SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING

# D.1 PACKAGING AND MARKING (MAR 1987)

The Contractor shall package material for shipment to the NRC in such a manner that will ensure acceptance by common carrier and safe delivery at destination. Containers and closures shall comply with the Interstate Commerce Commission Regulations, Uniform Freight Classification Rules, or regulations of other carriers as applicable to the mode of transportation. On the front of the package, the Contractor shall clearly identify the contract number under which the product is being provided.

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# SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

# E.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference (by Citation Number, Title, and Date) in accordance with the clause at FAR "52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE" in Section I of this contract. See FAR 52.252-2 for an internet address (if specified) for electronic access to the full text of a clause.

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NUMBER	TITLE		DATE
52.246-5	FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION INSPECTION OF SERVICESCOST-REIMBURSEMENT	(48	CFR Chapter 1) APR 1984

# E.2 PLACE OF INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE (MAR 1987)

Inspection and acceptance of the deliverable items to be furnished hereunder shall be made by the Project Officer at the destination.

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SECTION F

# **SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE**

## F.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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52.242-15	STOP-WORK ORDER ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)	AUG 1989
52.247-34	F.O.B. DESTINATION	NOV 1991

#### F.2 2052.211-70 PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL REPORTS (JAN 1993)

All technical reports required by Section C and all Technical Progress Reports required by Section F are to be prepared in accordance with the attached Management Directive 3.8, "Unclassified Contractor and Grantee Publications in the NUREG Series." Management Directive 3.8 is not applicable to any Contractor Spending Plan (CSP) and any Financial Status Report that may be included in this contract. (See List of Attachments).

## **F.3 MONTHLY TECHNICAL LETTER REPORT**

The Contractor shall provide a monthly Technical Letter Report (MTLR) to the Project Officer and the Contracting Officer. The report is due within 15 calendar days after the end of the report period and must identify the title of the project, the contract number, Financial Identification Number (FIN) specified by the NRC Project Officer and/or Technical Monitor, the contract's period of performance, and the period covered by the report. The depth and level of detail characterizing this report will be based on guidance provided by the NRC Project Officer or Technical Monitor. Each MLTR must include the following for each discrete task order:

(a) A listing of the efforts completed over the preceding month and include all draft material documenting the completed work, identify significant technical findings and results, and milestones reached or, if missed, an explanation provided;

(b) Any technical problems/difficulties/issues or delays encountered or anticipated, any decisions needed on the part of the NRC Project Officer and/or Technical Monitor, and recommendations for resolution. If the recommended resolution involves a contract modification, e.g., change in work requirements, level of effort (cost) or schedule delay, the contractor shall submit a separate letter to the Contracting Officer identifying the required change and estimated cost impact.

- (c) A summary of progress to date; and
- (d) Plans for the next reporting period.

## F.4 FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

The contractor shall provide a monthly Financial Status Report (FSR) to the Project Officer and the Contracting Officer. The FSR shall include the acquisition of, or changes in the status of, contractor-held property acquired with government funds valued at the time of purchase at \$50,000 or more. Whenever these types of property changes occur, the contractor shall send a copy of the report to the Chief, Property and Acquisition Oversight Branch, Office of Administration. The report is due within 15 calendar days after the end of the report period and must identify the title of the project, the

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contract number, the appropriate Financial Identification Number (FIN) specified by the NRC Project Officer and/or Technical Monitor, the contract's period of performance, and the period covered by the report. Each FSR must include the following for each discrete task order:

(a) Total estimated contract amount.

(b) Total funds obligated to date.

(c) Total costs incurred this reporting period.

(d) Total costs incurred to date.

(e) Detail of all direct and indirect costs incurred during the reporting period for the entire contract or each task, if it is a task ordering contract.

(f) Balance of obligations remaining.

(g) Balance of funds required per month to complete contract/task order.

(h) Contractor Spending Plan (CSP) status: A revised CSP is required with the Financial Status Report whenever the contractor or the Contracting Officer has reason to believe that the total cost for performance of this contract will be either greater or substantially less than what had been previously estimated.

(1) Projected percentage of completion cumulative through the report period for the project/task order as reflected in the current CSP.

(2) Indicate significant changes in the original CSP projection in either dollars or percentage of completion. Identify the change, the reasons for the change, whether there is any projected overrun, and when additional funds would be required. If there have been no changes to the original NRC-approved CSP projections, a written statement to that effect is sufficient in lieu of submitting a detailed response to item "h".

(i) Property status:

(1) List property acquired for the project during the month with an acquisition cost between \$500 and \$49,999. Give the item number for the specific piece of equipment.

(2) Provide a separate list of property acquired for the project during the month with an acquisition cost of \$50,000 or more. Provide the following information for each item of property: item description or nomenclature, manufacturer, model number, serial number, acquisition cost, and receipt date. If no property was acquired during the month, include a statement to that effect. The same information must be provided for any component or peripheral equipment which is part of a "system or system unit."

(3) For multi-year projects, in the September monthly financial status report provide a cumulative listing of property with an acquisition cost of \$50,000 or more showing the information specified in paragraph (i)(2) of this clause.

(4) In the final financial status report provide a closeout property report containing the same elements as described above for the monthly financial status reports, for all property purchased with NRC funds regardless of value unless title has been vested in the contractor. If no property was acquired under the contract, provide a statement to that effect. The report should note any property requiring special handling for security, health, safety, or other reasons as part of the report.

(j) Travel status: List the starting and ending dates for each trip, the starting point and destination, and the traveler(s) for each trip.

(k) If the data in this report indicates a need for additional funding beyond that already obligated, this information may only be used as support to the official request for funding required in accordance with the Limitation of Cost (LOC) Clause (FAR 52.232-20) or the Limitation of Funds (LOF) Clause FAR 52.232-22.

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## **F.5 TASK ORDER REPORTS**

Mail Stop T-7-I-2 Washington, DC

Each task order will identify the type of report, its format and contents, and establish a due date for the report.

# F.6 PLACE OF DELIVERY--REPORTS (JUN 1988)

The items to be furnished hereunder shall be delivered, with all charges paid by the Contractor, to:

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(a) Project Officer ( 2 copies)
Dr. Sidney Feld
Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory
Effectiveness
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
Mail Stop T-10-F13A
Washington, DC 20555
(b) Contracting Officer (1 copy)
Mary H. Mace
Contract Management Branch No. 1
Division of Contracts and Property
Management
Office of Administration
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F.7 DURATION OF CONTRACT PERIOD (MAR 1987) ALTERNATE 1 (JUN 1988)

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The ordering period for this contract shall commence on August 13, 2001 and will expire December 31, 2003. Any orders issued during this period shall be completed within the time specified in the order, unless otherwise specified herein. (See 52.216-18 - Ordering).

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# SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

# G.1 2052.215-71 PROJECT OFFICER AUTHORITY

(a) The contracting officer's authorized representative hereinafter referred to as the project officer for this contract is:

Name:	Dr. Sidney Feld
Address:	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Two White Flint North Building (TWFN 11545 Rockville Pike Mail Stop T-10-F13A Rockville, Maryland 20852

Telephone Number: (301) 415-6193

(b) Performance of the work under this contract is subject to the technical direction of the NRC project officer. The term "technical direction" is defined to include the following:

(1) Technical direction to the contractor which shifts work emphasis between areas of work or tasks, authorizes travel which was unanticipated in the Schedule (i.e., travel not contemplated in the Statement of Work or changes to specific travel identified in the Statement of Work), fills in details, or otherwise serves to accomplish the contractual statement of work.

(2) Provide advice and guidance to the contractor in the preparation of drawings, specifications, or technical portions of the work description.

(3) Review and, where required by the contract, approval of technical reports, drawings, specifications, and technical information to be delivered by the contractor to the Government under the contract.

(c) Technical direction must be within the general statement of work stated in the contract. The project officer does not have the authority to and may not issue any technical direction which:

(1) Constitutes an assignment of work outside the general scope of the contract.

(2) Constitutes a change as defined in the "Changes" clause of this contract.

(3) In any way causes an increase or decrease in the total estimated contract cost, the fixed fee, if any, or the time required for contract performance.

(4) Changes any of the expressed terms, conditions, or specifications of the contract.

(5) Terminates the contract, settles any claim or dispute arising under the contract, or issues any unilateral directive whatever.

(d) All technical directions must be issued in writing by the project officer or must be confirmed by the project officer in writing within ten (10) working days after verbal issuance. A copy of the written direction must be furnished to the contracting officer. A copy of NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel, which has received final approval from the NRC must be furnished to the contracting officer.

(e) The contractor shall proceed promptly with the performance of technical directions duly issued by the project officer in the manner prescribed by this clause and within the project officer's authority under the provisions of this clause.

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(f) If, in the opinion of the contractor, any instruction or direction issued by the project officer is within one of the categories as defined in paragraph (c) of this section, the contractor may not proceed but shall notify the contracting officer in writing within five (5) working days after the receipt of any instruction or direction and shall request the contracting officer to modify the contract accordingly. Upon receiving the notification from the contractor, the contracting officer shall issue an appropriate contract modification or advise the contractor in writing that, in the contracting officer's opinion, the technical direction is within the scope of this article and does not constitute a change under the "Changes" clause.

(g) Any unauthorized commitment or direction issued by the project officer may result in an unnecessary delay in the contractor's performance and may even result in the contractor expending funds for unallowable costs under the contract.

(h) A failure of the parties to agree upon the nature of the instruction or direction or upon the contract action to be taken with respect thereto is subject to 52.233-1 - Disputes.

(i) In addition to providing technical direction as defined in paragraph (b) of the section, the project officer shall:

(1) Monitor the contractor's technical progress, including surveillance and assessment of performance, and recommend to the contracting officer changes in requirements.

(2) Assist the contractor in the resolution of technical problems encountered during performance.

(3) Review all costs requested for reimbursement by the contractor and submit to the contracting officer recommendations for approval, disapproval, or suspension of payment for supplies and services required under this contract.

(4) Assist the contractor in obtaining the badges for the contractor personnel.

(5) Immediately notify the Personnel Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security (PERSEC/DFS) (via e-mail) when a contractor employee no longer requires access authorization and return the individual's badge to PERSEC/DFS within three days after their termination.

# G.2 2052.215-77 TRAVEL APPROVALS AND REIMBURSEMENT (OCT 1999)

(a) All foreign travel must be approved in advance by the NRC on NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel, and must be in compliance with FAR 52.247-63 Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers. The contractor shall submit NRC Form 445 to the NRC no later than 30 days before beginning travel.

(b) The contractor must receive written approval from the NRC Project Officer before taking travel that was unanticipated in the Schedule (i.e., travel not contemplated in the Statement of Work, or changes to specific travel identified in the Statement of Work).

(c) The contractor will be reimbursed only for those travel costs incurred that are directly related to this contract and are allowable subject to the limitations prescribed in FAR 31.205-46.

(d) It is the responsibility of the contractor to notify the contracting officer in accordance with the Limitations of Cost clause of this contract when, at any time, the contractor learns that travel expenses will cause the contractor to exceed the estimated costs specified in the Schedule.

(e) Reasonable travel costs for research and related activities performed at State and nonprofit institutions, in accordance with Section 12 of Pub. L. 100-679, shall be charged in accordance with the contractor's institutional policy to the degree that the limitations of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance are not exceeded. Applicable guidance documents include OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State and Local Governments; OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations; and OMB Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions.

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# G.3 2052.210-71 INDIRECT COST RATES-ALTERNATE 2 (OCT 1999)

(a) For this contract, the ceiling amount reimbursable for indirect costs is as follows:



(b) In the event that indirect rates developed by the cognizant audit activity on the basis of actual allowable costs result in a lower amount for indirect costs, the lower amount will be paid. The Government may not be obligated to pay any additional amounts for indirect costs above the ceiling rates set forth above for the applicable period.

## G.4 2052.216-72 TASK ORDER PROCEDURES (OCT 1999)

(a) Task order request for proposal. When a requirement within the scope of work for this contract is identified, the contracting officer shall transmit to the contractor a Task Order Request for Proposal (TORFP) which may include the following, as appropriate:

- (1) Scope of work/meetings/travel and deliverables;
- (2) Reporting requirements;
- (3) Period of performance place of performance;
- (4) Applicable special provisions;
- (5) Technical skills required; and
- (6) Estimated level of effort.

(b) Task order technical proposal. By the date specified in the TORFP, the contractor shall deliver to the contracting officer a written or verbal (as specified in the TORFP technical proposal submittal instructions) technical proposal that provides the technical information required by the TORFP.

(c) Cost proposal. The contractor's cost proposal for each task order must be fully supported by cost and pricing data adequate to establish the reasonableness of the proposed amounts. When the contractor's estimated cost for the proposed task order exceeds \$100,000 and the period of performance exceeds six months, the contractor may be required to submit a Contractor Spending Plan (CSP) as part of its cost proposal. The TORFP will indicate if a CSP is required.

(d) Task order award. The contractor shall perform all work described in definitized task orders issued by the contracting officer. Definitized task orders include the following:

- (1) Statement of work/meetings/travel and deliverables;
- (2) Reporting requirements;
- (3) Period of performance;
- (4) Key personnel;
- (5) Applicable special provisions; and
- (6) Total task order amount including any fixed fee.

# G.5 2052.216-73 ACCELERATED TASK ORDER PROCEDURES (JAN 1993)

(a) The NRC may require the contractor to begin work before receiving a definitized task order from the contracting officer. Accordingly, when the contracting officer verbally authorizes the work, the contractor shall proceed with performance of the task order subject to the monetary limitation established for the task order by the contracting officer.

(b) When this accelerated procedure is employed by the NRC, the contractor agrees to begin promptly negotiating with the contracting officer the terms of the definitive task order and agrees to submit a cost proposal with supporting cost or pricing data. If agreement on a definitized task order is not reached by the target date mutually agreed upon by the contractor and contracting officer, the contracting officer may determine a reasonable price and/or fee in accordance with Subpart 15.8 and Part 31 of the FAR, subject to contractor appeal as provided in 52.233-1, Disputes. In any event, the contractor shall proceed with completion of the task order, subject only to the monetary limitation established by the contracting officer and the terms and conditions of the basic contract.

# G.6 ELECTRONIC PAYMENT

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires that all payments except IRS tax refunds be made by Electronic Funds Transfer. It is the policy of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to pay vendors by the Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds transfer payment system. The electronic system is known as Vendor Express. Payment shall be made in accordance with FAR 52.232-33, entitled "Mandatory Information for Electronic Funds Transfer Payment".

To receive payment, the contractor shall complete the "Company Information" portion of the Standard Form 3881, entitled "ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form" found as an attachment to this document. The contractor shall take the form to the ACH Coordinator at the financial institution that maintains its company's bank account. The contractor shall discuss with the ACH Coordinator how the payment identification information (addendum record) will be passed to them once the payment is received by the financial institution. Further information concerning the addendum is provided at Attachment No. 03. The ACN Coordinator should fill out the "Financial Institution Information" portion of the form and return it to the Office of the Controller at the following address: address: Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Division of Accounting and Finance, Financial Operations Section, Mail Stop T-9-H-4, Washington, DC 20555, ATTN: ACH/Vendor Express. It is the responsibility of the contractor can provide the financial institution returns the completed form to the above cited NRC address. If the contractor can provide the financial information, signature of the financial institutions ACH Coordinator is not required. The NRC is under no obligation to send reminders. Only after the Office of the Controller has processed the contractor's sign-up form will the contractor be eligible to receive payments.

Once electronic funds transfer is established for payments authorized by NRC, the contractor needs to submit an additional SF 3881 only to report changes to the information supplied.

Questions concerning ACH/Vendor Express should be directed to the Financial Operations staff at (301) 415-7520."

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# **SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

# H.1 2052.204-71 SITE ACCESS BADGE REQUIREMENT

During the life of this contract, the rights of ingress and egress for contractor personnel must be made available, as required, provided that a badge is issued after favorable adjudication from the Personnel Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security (PERSEC/DFS). In this regard, all contractor personnel whose duties under this contract require their presence on-site shall be clearly identifiable by a distinctive badge furnished by the Government. The Project Officer shall assist the contractor in obtaining the badges for the contractor personnel. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor to ensure that each employee has a proper Government-issued identification/badge at all times. All prescribed identification must be immediately (no later than three days) delivered to PERSEC/DFS for cancellation or disposition upon the termination of employment of any contractor personnel. Contractor's duty to assure that contractor personnel enter only those work areas necessary for performance of contract work, and to assure the safeguarding of any Government records or data that contractor personnel may come into contact with.

# H.2 NRCAR 2052.209-72, CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (DEVIATION)

- Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this contract, the contractor agrees that during performance of this contract and for a period of eighteen (18) months thereafter, the contractor will not enter into any contracts or subcontracts or any consulting personnel or similar arrangements involving work for:
  - A. Nuclear utilities subject to NRC or Agreement State licensing authority or for trade associations, research institutions, and similar groups that represent or are substantially composed of nuclear utilities;
  - B. Industrial firms, manufacturers, educational institutions, and other organizations subject to NRC or Agreement State licensing authority or for trade associations or research institutions or similar groups that represent or are substantially composed of such industrial firms, etc., where the work is either subject to NRC or an Agreement State licensing authority or is closely associated with work subject to such licensing authority; and
  - C. Vendors, engineering firms, suppliers, and others organizations that provide services and supplies to entities subject to NRC or Agreement State licensing authority or for trade associations or research institutions or similar groups that represent or are substantially composed of such vendors, etc., where the work is either subject to NRC or an Agreement State licensing authority or is closely associated with work subject to such licensing authority.
- 2. If the contractor plans to perform work that reasonably can be viewed as included within the limitations of Paragraph No. 1 above,

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the contractor shall disclose full particulars of that planned work to the NRC contracting officer and obtain the NRC Contracting Officer's approval in advance of performing the work. The NRC Contracting Officer's decision on the matter shall be final, subject to a right of appeal under the Contract Disputes Act.

- 3. In addition to those relationships identified as creating potential organizational conflicts of interest in NRCAR 2052.209-72 and NRCAR Subpart 2009.5, the contractor agrees that should it enter into a relationship described in Paragraph No.1, an organizational conflict of interest will result under the cited clause, as modified, and the regulations.
- 4. In view of the contractor's commitments under this modification to NRCAR Clause 2052.209-72, including the "Contractor Warranty" provision, the contractor agrees that the government may terminate this contract for default if the contractor breaches these commitments, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this contract or the NRCAR, other than as excepted under the terms of Paragraph 2 above.
- 5. The contractor agrees to the following changes in NRCAR Clause 2052.209-72 to conform, that clause with Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 above:
  - A. Section (b) Scope, add the following sentence:

In addition, these restrictions apply to the relationships described in Paragraph No. 1 of the modification to this clause.

- B. Subsection (c) Work for others, delete Paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4), in their entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:
  - "(1) The contractor shall ensure that all employees under this contract abide by the provision of this modified clause."
- C. Subsection (d) Disclosure after award, delete paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), in their entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"(d) Contractor Warranty. The contractor warrants that it has no relationships of the type described in Paragraph No.1 of the modification to this clause and that it will not enter such relationships during its performance of this contract and for eighteen (18) months thereafter."

- D. Throughout: The words "licensee" and "applicant" include both NRC and Agreement States.
- E. All other terms of NRCAR Clause 2052.209-72 remain unchanged.
- 6. The parties intend that, to the maximum extent possible, this modification shall govern all relevant activities of the parties. Accordingly, should Paragraphs Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this modification, or any portion thereof, be deemed inconsistent with NRCAR Clause 2052.209-72; NRCAR Subpart 2009.5; or any other regulation or guidance, this modification shall prevail.

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(End of Clause)

## H.3 2052.215-70 KEY PERSONNEL (JAN 1993)

(a) The following individuals are considered to be essential to the successful performance of the work hereunder:

The contractor agrees that personnel may not be removed from the contract work or replaced without compliance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) If one or more of the key personnel, for whatever reason, becomes, or is expected to become, unavailable for work under this contract for a continuous period exceeding 30 work days, or is expected to devote substantially less effort to the work than indicated in the proposal or initially anticipated, the contractor shall immediately notify the contracting officer and shall, subject to the con-currence of the contracting officer, promptly replace the personnel with personnel of at least substantially equal ability and qualifications.

(c) Each request for approval of substitutions must be in writing and contain a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions. The request must also contain a complete resume for the proposed substitute and other information requested or needed by the contracting officer to evaluate the proposed substitution. The contracting officer and the project officer shall evaluate the contractor's request and the contracting officer shall promptly notify the contractor of his or her decision in writing.

(d) If the contracting officer determines that suitable and timely replacement of key personnel who have been reassigned, terminated, or have otherwise become unavailable for the contract work is not reasonably forthcoming, or that the resultant reduction of productive effort would be so substantial as to impair the successful completion of the contract or the service order, the contract may be terminated by the contracting officer for default or for the convenience of the Government, as appropriate. If the contracting officer finds the contractor at fault for the condition, the contract price or fixed fee may be equitably adjusted downward to compensate the Government for any resultant delay, loss, or damage.

# H.4 2052.242-70 RESOLVING NRC CONTRACTOR DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL VIEWS(DPVS) (OCT 1999)

(a) The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) policy is to support the contractor's expression of professional health and safety related concerns associated with the contractor's work for NRC that may differ from a prevailing NRC staff view, disagree with an NRC decision or policy position, or take issue with proposed or established agency practices. An occasion may arise when an NRC contractor, contractor's personnel, or subcontractor personnel believes that a conscientious expression of a competent judgement is required to document such concerns on matters directly associated with its performance of the contract. The NRC's policy is to support these instances as Differing Professional Views (DPVs).

(b) The procedure that will be used provides for the expression and resolution of differing professional views (DPVs) of health and safety related concerns associated with the mission of the agency by NRC contractors, contractor personnel or subcontractor personnel on matters directly associated with its performance of the contract. This procedure may be found in Attachments to this document. The contractor shall provide a copy of the NRC DPV procedure to all of its employees performing under this contract and to all subcontractors who shall, in turn, provide a copy of the procedure to its employees. The prime contractor or subcontractor shall submit all DPV's received but need not endorse them.

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## H.5 2052.242-71 PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING NRC CONTRACTOR DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL VIEWS (DPVS) (OCT 1999)

(a) The following procedure provides for the expression and resolution of differing professional views (DPVs) of health and safety related concerns of NRC contractors and contractor personnel on matters connected to the subject of the contract. Subcontractor DPVs must be submitted through the prime contractor. The prime contractor or subcontractor shall submit all DPV's received but need not endorse them.

(b) The NRC may authorize up to eight reimbursable hours for the contractor to document, in writing, a DPV by the contractor, the contractor's personnel, or subcontractor personnel. The contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation for effort on a DPV which exceeds the specified eight hour limit.

(c) Before incurring costs to document a DPV, the contractor shall first determine whether there are sufficient funds obligated under the contract which are available to cover the costs of writing a DPV. If there are insufficient obligated funds under the contract, the contractor shall first request the NRC contracting officer for additional funding to cover the costs of preparing the DPV and authorization to proceed.

(d) Contract funds shall not be authorized to document an allegation where the use of this NRC contractor DPV process is inappropriate. Examples of such instances are: allegations of wrongdoing which should be addressed directly to the NRC Office of the Inspector General (OIG), issues submitted anonymously, or issues raised which have already been considered, addressed, or rejected, absent significant new information. This procedure does not provide anonymity. Individuals desiring anonymity should contact the NRC OIG or submit the information under NRC's Allegation Program, as appropriate.

(e) When required, the contractor shall initiate the DPV process by submitting a written statement directly to the NRC Office Director or Regional Administrator responsible for the contract, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, Division of Contracts and Property Management, Office of Administration. Each DPV submitted will be evaluated on its own merits.

(f) The DPV, while being brief, must contain the following as it relates to the subject matter of the contract:

(1) A summary of the prevailing NRC view, existing NRC decision or stated position, or the proposed or established NRC practice.

(2) A description of the submitter's views and how they differ from any of the above items.

(3) The rationale for the submitter's views, including an assessment based on risk, safety and cost benefit considerations of the consequences should the submitter's position not be adopted by NRC.

(g) The Office Director or Regional Administrator will immediately forward the submittal to the NRC DPV Review Panel and acknowledge receipt of the DPV, ordinarily within five (5) calendar days of receipt.

(h) The panel will normally review the DPV within seven calendar days of receipt to determine whether enough information has been supplied to undertake a detailed review of the issue. Typically, within 30 calendar days of receipt of the necessary information to begin a review, the panel will provide a written report of its findings to the Office Director or Regional Administrator and to the Contracting Officer, which includes a recommended course of action.

(i) The Office Director or Regional Administrator will consider the DPV Review Panel's report, make a decision on the DPV and provide a written decision to the contractor and the Contracting Officer normally within seven calendar days after receipt of the panel's recommendation.

(j) Subsequent to the decision made regarding the DPV Review Panel's report, a summary of the issue and its disposition will be included in the NRC Weekly Information Report submitted by the Office Director. The DPV file will be retained in the Office or Region for a minimum of one year thereafter. For purposes of the contract, the DPV shall be considered a deliverable under the contract. Based upon the Office Director or Regional Administrator's report, the matter will be closed.

# H.6 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY - NONE PROVIDED (JUN 1988)

The Government will not provide any equipment/property under this contract.

# H.7 SEAT BELTS

Contractors, subcontractors, and grantees, are encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented, or personally owned vehicles.

# PART II - CONTRACT CLAUSES

# SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

# I.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference (by Citation Number, Title, and Date) in accordance with the clause at FAR "52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE" in Section I of this contract. See FAR 52.252-2 for an internet address (if specified) for electronic access to the full text of a clause.

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NONDER	FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Ch	DATE
52.202-1	DEFINITIONS	MAR 2001
52.203-3	GRATUITIES	APR 1984
52.203-5	COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES	APR 1984
52.203-6	RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO	JUL 1995
	THE GOVERNMENT	002 1775
52.203-7	ANTI-KICKBACK PROCEDURES	JUL 1995
52.203-8	CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND RECOVERY	JAN 1997
	OF FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER	
50 202 10	ACTIVITY	
52.203-10	PRICE OR FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR ILLEGAL OR	JAN 1997
52.203-12	IMPROPER ACTIVITY	
52.205-12	LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS	JUN 1997
52.204-4	PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED	AUC 2000
52.201	ON RECYCLED PAPER	AUG 2000
52.209-6	PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST	JUL 1995
	WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS	JUL 1995
	DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR	
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52.215-2	AUDIT AND RECORDSNEGOTIATION	JUN 1999
52.215-8	ORDER OF PRECEDENCEUNIFORM CONTRACT	OCT 1997
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52.216-7	ALLOWABLE COST AND PAYMENT	MAR 2000
52.216-8 52.217-2	FIXED-FEE	MAR 1997
52.219-4	CANCELLATION UNDER MULTIYEAR CONTRACTS	OCT 1997
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52.219-6	NOTICE OF TOTAL SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE	JUL 1996
52.219-8	UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS	OCT 2000
52.219-14	LIMITATIONS ON SUBCONTRACTING	DEC 1996
52.222-1	NOTICE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LABOR	FEB 1997
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52.222-3	CONVICT LABOR	AUG 1996
52.222-19	CHILD LABOR - COOPERATION WITH	FEB 2001
60.000.01	AUTHORITIES AND REMEDIES	
52.222-21	PROHIBITION OF SEGREGATED FACILITIES	FEB 1999
52.222-26 52.222-35	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY	FEB 1999
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52.222-37	EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON DISABLED VETERANS	JAN 1999
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52.223-6	DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE	MAR 2001
52.225-13	RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN	JUL 2000
	PURCHASES	
52.227-1	AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT	JUL 1995
52.227-2	NOTICE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING PATENT	AUG 1996
	AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT	
52.227-14	RIGHTS IN DATAGENERAL	JUN 1987
52.228-7	INSURANCELIABILITY TO THIRD PERSONS	MAR 1996
52.232-17	INTEREST	JUN 1996
52.232-20	LIMITATION OF COST	APR 1984
52.232-22	LIMITATION OF FUNDS	APR 1984
52.232-23	ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS	JAN 1986
52.232-34	PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	MAY 1999
•	OTHER THAN CENTRAL CONTRACTOR	
	REGISTRATION	
52.233-1	DISPUTES	DEC 1998
	ALTERNATE I (DEC 1991)	
52.233-3	PROTEST AFTER AWARD	AUG 1996
	ALTERNATE I (JUN 1985)	
52.242-1	NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISALLOW COSTS	APR 1984
52.242-3	PENALTIES FOR UNALLOWABLE COSTS	MAR 2001
52.242-4	CERTIFICATION OF FINAL INDIRECT COSTS	JAN 1997
52.242-13	BANKRUPTCY	JUL 1995
52.243-2	CHANGESCOST REIMBURSEMENT	AUG 1987
	ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)	
52.244-2	SUBCONTRACTS	AUG 1998
	ALTERNATE II (AUG 1998)	
52.244-5	COMPETITION IN SUBCONTRACTING	DEC 1996
52.244-6	SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS AND	MAR 2001
	COMMERCIAL COMPONENTS	
52.246-25	LIMITATION OF LIABILITYSERVICES TERMINATION (COST-REIMBURSEMENT)	FEB 1997
52.249-6	TERMINATION (COST-REIMBURSEMENT)	SEP 1996
52.249-14	EXCUSABLE DELAYS	APR 1984
52.253-1	COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS	JAN 1991

# I.2 52.216-18 ORDERING (OCT 1995)

(a) Any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of delivery orders or task orders by the individuals or activities designated in the Schedule. Such orders may be issued from the award date of the contract through six (6) months beyond the expiration date of the contract.

(b) All delivery orders or task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of conflict between a delivery order or task order and this contract, the contract shall control.

(c) If mailed, a delivery order or task order is considered "issued" when the Government deposits the order in the mail. Orders may be issued orally, by facsimile, or by electronic commerce methods only if authorized in the Schedule.

## I.3 52.216-22 INDEFINITE QUANTITY (OCT 1995)

(a) This is an indefinite-quantity contract for the supplies or services specified, and effective for the period stated, in the Schedule. The quantities of supplies and services specified in the Schedule are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract.

(b) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. The Contractor shall furnish to the Government, when and if ordered, the supplies or services specified in the Schedule up to and including the quantity designated in the Schedule as the "maximum." The Government shall order at least the NRC-04-01-06?

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quantity of supplies or services designated in the Schedule as the "minimum."

(c) Except for any limitations on quantities in the Order Limitations clause or in the Schedule, there is no limit on the number of orders that may be issued. The Government may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.

(d) Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and Government's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's effective period; provided, that the Contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after six months.

## I.4 52.232-25 PROMPT PAYMENT (MAR 2001)

Notwithstanding any other payment clause in this contract, the Government will make invoice payments and contract financing payments under the terms and conditions specified in this clause. Payment shall be considered as being made on the day a check is dated or the date of an electronic funds transfer. Definitions of pertinent terms are set forth in sections 2.101 and 32.902 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. All days referred to in this clause are calendar days, unless otherwise specified. (However, see subparagraph (a)(4) of this clause concerning payments due on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.)

(a) Invoice payments (1) Due Date. (i) Except as indicated in subparagraph (a)(2) and paragraph (c) of this clause, the due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office shall be the later of the following two events:

(A) The 30th day after the designated billing office has received a proper invoice from the Contractor (except as provided in subdivision (a)(1)(ii) of this clause).

(B) The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed by the Contractor. On a final invoice where the payment amount is subject to contract settlement actions, acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred on the effective date of the contract settlement.

(ii) If the designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the actual date of receipt at the time of receipt, the invoice payment due date shall be the 30th day after the date of the Contractor's invoice; provided a proper invoice is received and there is no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with contract requirements.

(2) Certain food products and other payments. (i) Due dates on Contractor invoices for meat, meat food products, or fish; perishable agricultural commodities; and dairy products, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils are--

(A) For meat or meat food products, as defined in section 2(a)(3) of the Packers and Stockyard Act of 1921 (7 U.S.C. 182(3)), and as further defined in Pub. L. 98-181, including any edible fresh or frozen poultry meat, any perishable poultry meat food product, fresh eggs, and any perishable egg product, as close as possible to, but not later than, the 7th day after product delivery.

(B) For fresh or frozen fish, as defined in section 204(3) of the Fish and Seafood Promotion Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 4003(3)), as close as possible to, but not later than, the day after product delivery.

(C) For perishable agricultural commodities, as defined in section 1(4) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act of 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499a(4)), as close as possible to, but not later than, the 10th day after product delivery, unless another date is specified in the contract.

(D) For dairy products, as defined in section 111(e) of the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 4502(e)), edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils, as close as possible to, but not later than, the 10th day after the date on which a proper invoice has been received. Liquid milk, cheese, certain processed cheese products, butter, yogurt, ice cream, mayonnaise, salad dressings, and other similar products, fall within this classification. Nothing in the Act limits this classification to refrigerated products. When questions arise regarding the proper classification of a specific product, prevailing industry practices will be followed in specifying a contract payment due date. The burden of proof that a classification of a specific product is, in fact, prevailing industry practice is upon the

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Contractor making the representation.

(ii) If the contract does not require submission of an invoice for payment (e.g., periodic lease payments), the due date will be as specified in the contract.

(3) Contractor's invoice. The Contractor shall prepare and submit invoices to the designated billing office specified in the contract. A proper invoice must include the items listed in paragraph (a)(3)(i) through (a)(3)(viii) of this clause. If the invoice does not comply with these requirements, it shall be returned within 7 days after the date the designated billing office received the invoice (3 days for meat, meat food products, or fish; 5 days for perishable agricultural commodities, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils), with a statement of the reasons why it is not a proper invoice. Untimely notification will be taken into account in computing any interest penalty owed the Contractor in the manner described in subparagraph (a)(5) of this clause.

(i) Name and address of the Contractor.

(ii) Invoice date. (The Contractor is encouraged to date invoices as close as possible to the date of the mailing or transmission.)

(iii) Contract number or other authorization for supplies delivered or services performed (including order number and contract line item number).

(iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price, and extended price of supplies delivered or services performed.

(v) Shipping and payment terms (e.g., shipment number and date of shipment, prompt payment discount terms). Bill of lading number and weight of shipment will be shown for shipments on Government bills of lading.

(vi) Name and address of Contractor official to whom payment is to be sent (must be the same as that in the contract or in a proper notice of assignment).

(vii) Name (where practicable), title, phone number, and mailing address of person to be notified in the event of a defective invoice.

(viii) Any other information or documentation required by the contract (such as evidence of shipment).

(ix) While not required, the Contractor is strongly encouraged to assign an identification number to each invoice.

(4) Interest penalty. An interest penalty shall be paid automatically by the designated payment office, without request from the Contractor, if payment is not made by the due date and the conditions listed in paragraphs (a)(4)(i) through (a)(4)(ii) of this clause are met, if applicable. However, when the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Federal Government offices are closed and Government business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made on the following business day without incurring a late payment interest penalty.

(i) A proper invoice was received by the designated billing office.

(ii) A receiving report or other Government documentation authorizing payment was processed, and there was no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with any contract term or condition.

(iii) In the case of a final invoice for any balance of funds due the Contractor for supplies delivered or services performed, the amount was not subject to further contract settlement actions between the Government and the Contractor.

(5) Computing penalty amount. The interest penalty shall be at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury under section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 611) that is in effect on the day after the due date, except where the interest penalty is prescribed by other governmental authority (e.g., tariffs). This rate is referred to as the "Renegotiation Board Interest Rate," and it is published in the Federal Register semiannually on or about January 1 and July 1. The interest penalty shall accrue daily on the invoice principal payment amount approved by the Government until the payment date of such approved principal amount; and will be compounded in 30-day increments inclusive from the first day after the due date through the payment date. That is, interest accrued at the end of any 30-day period will be added to the approved invoice principal payment amount and will be subject to interest penalties if not paid in the succeeding 30-day period. If the designated billing office failed to notify the Contractor of a defective invoice within the periods prescribed in subparagraph (a)(3) of this clause, the due date on the corrected invoice will be adjusted by subtracting from such date the number of days taken beyond the prescribed notification of defects period. Any interest

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penalty owed the Contractor will be based on this adjusted due date. Adjustments will be made by the designated payment office for errors in calculating interest penalties.

(i) For the sole purpose of computing an interest penalty that might be due the Contractor, Government acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred constructively on the (unless otherwise specified in this contract) after the Contractor delivered the supplies or performed the services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, unless there is a disagreement over quantity, quality, or Contractor compliance with a contract provision. In the event that actual acceptance occurs within the constructive acceptance period, the determination of an interest penalty shall be based on the actual date of acceptance. The constructive acceptance requirement does not, however, compel Government officials to accept supplies or services, perform contract administration functions, or make payment prior to fulfilling their responsibilities.

(ii) The following periods of time will not be included in the determination of an interest penalty:

(A) The period taken to notify the Contractor of defects in invoices submitted to the Government, but this may not exceed 7 days (3 days for meat, meat food products, or fish; 5 days for perishable agricultural commodities, dairy products, edible fats or oils, and food products prepared from edible fats or oils).

(B) The period between the defects notice and resubmission of the corrected invoice by the Contractor.

(C) For incorrect electronic funds transfer (EFT) information, in accordance with the EFT clause of this contract.

(iii) Interest penalties will not continue to accrue after the filing of a claim for such penalties under the clause at 52.233-1, Disputes, or for more than 1 year. Interest penalties of less than \$1 need not be paid.

(iv) Interest penalties are not required on payment delays due to disagreement between the Government and the Contractor over the payment amount or other issues involving contract compliance or on amounts temporarily withheld or retained in accordance with the terms of the contract. Claims involving disputes, and any interest that may be payable, will be resolved in accordance with the clause at 52.233-1, Disputes.

(6) Prompt payment discounts. An interest penalty also shall be paid automatically by the designated payment office, without request from the Contractor, if a discount for prompt payment is taken improperly. The interest penalty will be calculated as described in subparagraph (a)(5) of this clause on the amount of discount taken for the period beginning with the first day after the end of the discount period through the date when the Contractor is paid.

(7) Additional interest penalty. (i) a penalty amount, calculated in accordance with paragraph (a)(7)(iii) of this clause, shall be paid in addition to the interest penalty amount if the Contractor--

(A) Is owed an interest penalty of \$1 or more;

(B) Is not paid the interest penalty within 10 days after the date the invoice amount is paid; and

(C) Makes a written demand to the designated payment office for additional penalty payment, in accordance with paragraph (a)(7)(ii) of this clause, postmarked not later than 40 days after the invoice amount is paid.

(ii)(A) Contractors shall support written demands for additional penalty payments with the following data. No additional data shall be required. Contractors shall--

(1) Specifically assert that late payment interest is due under a specific invoice, and request payment of all overdue late payment interest penalty and such additional penalty as may be required;

(2) Attach a copy of the invoice on which the unpaid late payment interest was due; and

(3) State that payment of the principal has been received, including the date of receipt.

(B) Demands must be postmarked on or before the 40th day after payment was made, except that--

(1) If the postmark is illegible or nonexistent, the demand must have been received and annotated with the date of receipt by the designated payment office on or before the 40th day after payment was made; or

(2) If the postmark is illegible or nonexistent and the designated payment office fails to make the required

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annotation, the demand's validity will be determined by the date the Contractor has placed on the demand; provided such date is no later than the 40th day after payment was made.

(iii)(A) The additional penalty shall be equal to 100 percent of any original late payment interest penalty, except--

(1) The additional penalty shall not exceed \$5,000;

(2) The additional penalty shall never be less than \$25; and

(3) No additional penalty is owed if the amount of the underlying interest penalty is less than \$1.

(B) If the interest penalty ceases to accrue in accordance with the limits stated in paragraph (a)(5)(iii) of this clause, the amount of the additional penalty shall be calculated on the amount of interest penalty that would have accrued in the absence of these limits, subject to the overall limits on the additional penalty specified in paragraph (a)(7)(iii)(A) of this clause.

(C) For determining the maximum and minimum additional penalties, the test shall be the interest penalty due on each separate payment made for each separate contract. The maximum and minimum additional penalty shall not be based upon individual invoices unless the invoices are paid separately. Where payments are consolidated for disbursing purposes, the maximum and minimum additional penalty determination shall be made separately for each contract therein.

(D) The additional penalty does not apply to payments regulated by other Government regulations (e.g., payments under utility contracts subject to tariffs and regulation).

(b) Contract financing payments--(1) Due dates for recurring financing payments. If this contract provides for contract financing, requests for payment shall be submitted to the designated billing office as specified in this contract or as directed by the Contracting Officer. Contract financing payments shall be made on the day after receipt of a proper contract financing request by the designated billing office. In the event that an audit or other review of a specific financing request is required to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, the designated payment office is not compelled to make payment by the due date specified.

(2) Due dates for other contract financing. For advance payments, loans, or other arrangements that do not involve recurring submissions of contract financing requests, payment shall be made in accordance with the corresponding contract terms or as directed by the Contracting Officer.

(3) Interest penalty not applicable. Contract financing payments shall not be assessed an interest penalty for payment delays.

(c) Fast payment procedure due dates. If this contract contains the clause at 52.213-1, Fast Payment Procedure, payments will be made within 15 days after the date of receipt of the invoice.

# I.5 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

http://www.arnet.gov/far

# I.6 52.252-6 AUTHORIZED DEVIATIONS IN CLAUSES (APR 1984)

(a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the date of the clause.

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(b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any NRCAR (48 CFR Chapter FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1)) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "(DEVIATION)" after the name of the regulation.

# SECTION J

# PART III - LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS SECTION J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT NUMBER	TITLE
01	Billing Instructions for Cost Reimbursement Type Contracts
02	NRC Handbook 3.8 entitled "Unclassified Contractor and Grantee Publications in the NUREG Series"
03	Payment Information Form SF 3381 - ACH Payment System
04	Contractor's Spending Plan (CSP) Instructions

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#### BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR COST REIMBURSEMENT TYPE CONTRACTS

<u>General:</u> The contractor shall prepare vouchers/invoices for reimbursement of costs in the manner and format described herein. FAILURE TO SUBMIT VOUCHERS/INVOICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE VOUCHER/INVOICE AS IMPROPER.

<u>Number of Copies:</u> An original and three copies, including supporting documentation shall be submitted. A copy of all supporting documents must be attached to each copy of your voucher/invoice. Failure to submit all the required copies will result in rejection of the voucher/invoice as improper.

<u>Designated Agency Billing Office:</u> Vouchers/invoices shall be submitted to the following address:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Division of Contracts - T-7-I-2 Washington, DC 20555

HAND DELIVERY OF VOUCHERS/INVOICES IS DISCOURAGED AND WILL NOT EXPEDITE PROCESSING BY NRC. However, should you choose to deliver vouchers/invoices by hand, including delivery by any express mail services or special delivery services which use a courier or other person to deliver the voucher/invoice in person to the NRC, such vouchers/invoices must be addressed to the above Designated Agency Billing Office and will only be accepted at the following location:

> U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike - Mail Room Rockville, MD 20852

HAND-CARRIED SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT OTHER THAN THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

Note that the official receipt date for hand-delivered vouchers/invoices will be the date it is received by the official agency billing office in the Division of Contracts.

<u>Agency Payment Office:</u> Payment will continue to be made by the office designated in the contract in Block 12 of SF 26 or Block 25 of SF 33, whichever is applicable.

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<u>Frequency</u>: The contractor shall submit claims for reimbursement once each month, unless otherwise authorized by the Contracting Officer.

<u>Format</u>: Claims should be submitted in the format depicted on the attached sample form entitled "Voucher/Invoice for Purchases and Services Other than Personal" (see **Attachment 1**). The sample format is provided for guidance only. The format is not required for submission of a voucher/invoice. Alternate formats are permissible provided all requirements of the billing instructions are addressed. The instructions for preparation and itemization of the voucher/invoice are included with the sample form.

<u>Task Ordering Contracts</u>: If the contractor bills for more than one task order under a voucher/invoice, detailed cost information for each individual task order shall be submitted, together with a cumulative summary of all charges billed on the voucher/invoice. This includes all applicable cost elements discussed in paragraphs (a) through (n) of the attached instructions.

<u>Fee Recovery Billings</u>: Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR Part 170 and 171 on license fees, the NRC must recover the cost of work performed. Accordingly, the contractor must provide the total amount of funds billed during the period, fiscal year to date and the cumulative total for each task or task assignment by facility or report. The fee recovery billing reports shall be on a separate page, and shall be in the format provided in **Attachment 2**. The billing period for fee recovery costs should be from the first day of each calendar month to the last day of the same month. Each separate fee billing report must be attached to the monthly invoice and cover the same period as the invoice.

Each report will contain a docket number or other unique identifier. The NRC will provide a unique identifier for all work performed. Costs should be reported as whole number to the nearest cent. For work that involves more than one facility at the same site, each facility should be listed separately and the costs should be split appropriately between the facilities. Common costs, as defined below, shall be identified as a separate line item in the fee recovery billing report each month.

Common costs are those costs that are not licensee unique and associated with the performance of an overall program that benefit all similar licensees covered under that program or that are required to satisfactorily carry out the program. Common costs include costs associated with the following: preparatory or start-up efforts to interpret and reach agreement on methodology, approach, acceptance criteria, regulatory position, BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR COST REIMBURSEMENT TYPE CONTRACTS - (Page 3 of 10)

or technical reporting requirements; efforts associated with the "lead plant" concept that might be involved during the first one or two plant reviews; meetings and discussions involving the above efforts to provide orientation, background knowledge or guidance during the course of a program; any technical effort applied to a docket or other unique identifier; and project management. Common costs must be reporting monthly for each docket or unique identifier. Common costs must be computed based on the proportion of direct costs incurred against each docket or unique identifier for the billing period.

<u>Billing of Cost After Expiration of Contract</u>: If costs are incurred during the contract period and claimed after the contract has expired, the period during which these costs were incurred must be cited. To be considered a proper expiration voucher/invoice, the contractor shall clearly mark it "EXPIRATION VOUCHER" or "EXPIRATION INVOICE".

Final vouchers/invoices shall be marked "FINAL VOUCHER" or "FINAL INVOICE".

<u>Currency</u>: Billings may be expressed in the currency normally used by the contractor in maintaining his accounting records; payments will be made in that currency. However, the U.S. dollar equivalent for all vouchers/invoices paid under the contract may not exceed the total U.S. dollars authorized in the contract.

<u>Supersession</u>: These instructions supersede any previous billing instructions.

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INVOICE/VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL

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		(c)	Date of Voucher/Invoice					
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	No.:							
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	(3) Capitalized nonexpendable equipment (\$50,000 or more	<pre>( %, if computed as percentage) Capitalized nonexpendable equipment (\$50,000 or more -</pre>						
	see instructions)* (4) Non-capitalized equipment,							
	<ul> <li>materials, and supplies</li> <li>(5) Premium pay (NRC approved ov (6) Consultants*</li> </ul>	ertime)						
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\* (Requires Supporting Information -- See Attached)

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## SAMPLE SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) <u>Direct Labor - \$2400</u>

Labor <u>Category</u> Senior Engineer I	Hours <u>Billed</u> 100	<u>Rate</u> \$14.00	<u>Tota]</u> \$1400	Cumulative <u>Hrs. Billed</u> 975
Engineer	50	\$10.00	\$500	465
Computer Analyst	100	\$5.00	<u>\$500</u> \$2400	320

# 3) <u>Capitalized Non-Expendable Equipment</u>

Prototype Spectrometer - item number 1000-01 \$60,000

- 4) <u>Non-capitalized Equipment, Materials, and Supplies</u> 10 Radon tubes @ \$110.00 = \$1100.00
  - 6 Pairs Electrostatic gloves @  $$150.00 = \frac{$900.00}{$2000.00}$
- 5) <u>Premium Pay</u>

Walter Murphy - 10 hours @ \$10.00 Per Hour = \$100 (This was approved by NRC in letter dated 3/6/95).

6) <u>Consultants' Fee</u>

Dr. Carney - 1 hour @ \$100 = \$100

7) <u>Travel</u>

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Costs</u>
3/1/89	Wash., DC	\$200

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING COST INFORMATION FOR NRC CONTRACT VOUCHERS/INVOICES

Preparation and Itemization of the Voucher/Invoice: In order to constitute a proper invoice, the contractor shall furnish all the information set forth below. These notes are keyed to the entries on the sample voucher/invoice.

Official Agency Billing Office: Address the original and 3 copies of the voucher/invoice, together with supporting documentation attached to each copy to: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Division of Contracts, MS: T-7-I-2, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Vouchers/invoices delivered by hand, including delivery by express mail or special delivery services which use a courier or other person to deliver the voucher/invoice in person to the NRC, should be addressed in accordance with the foregoing and delivered to: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike - Mail Room, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Hand-delivered vouchers/invoices will not be accepted at other than the above address. Note, however, that the official receipt date for handdelivered vouchers/invoices will be the date it is received by the official agency billing office in the Division of Contracts.

Payee's Name and Address. Show the name of the contractor as it appears in the contract and its correct address. When an approved assignment has been made by the contractor, or a different payee or addressee has been designated, insert the name and address of the payee. Indicate the name and telephone number of the individual responsible for answering any questions that the NRC may have regarding the invoice. The following guidance corresponds to the entries required on the sample form.

(a) Contract Number. Insert the NRC contract number.

Task Order Number, if applicable. Insert the task order number.

(b) Voucher/invoice number. The appropriate sequential number of the voucher/invoice, beginning with 001 should be designated. Contractors may also include an individual internal accounting number, if desired, in addition to the 3-digit sequential number.

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- (c) Date of Voucher/Invoice. Insert the date the voucher/invoice is prepared.
- (d) Fixed-Fee. Insert total fixed-fee. Include this information as it applies to individual task orders as well.
- (e) Billing Period. Insert the beginning and ending dates (day, month, year) of the period during which costs were incurred and for which reimbursement is claimed.
- (f) Direct Costs Insert the amount billed for the following cost elements, adjustments, suspensions, and total amounts, for both the current billing period and for the cumulative period (from contract inception to end date of this billing period).
  - (1) Direct Labor. This consists of salaries and wages paid (or accrued) for direct performance of the contract itemized as follows: Labor Hrs. Cumulative Category Billed Rate Total Hrs.Billed
  - (2) Fringe Benefits. This represents fringe benefits applicable to direct labor and billed as a direct cost. Where a rate is used indicate the rate. Fringe benefits included in direct labor or in other indirect cost pools should not be identified here.
  - (3) Capitalized Non Expendable Equipment. List each item costing \$50,000 or more and having a life expectancy of more than one year. List only those items of equipment for which reimbursement is requested. For each such item, list the following (as applicable): (a) the item number for the specific piece of equipment listed in the property schedule of the contract; or (b) the Contracting Officer's approval letter if the equipment is not covered by the property schedule.

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- (4) Non-capitalized Equipment, Materials, and Supplies. These are equipment other than that described in (3) above, plus consumable materials, supplies. List by category. List items valued at \$500 or more separately. Provide the item number for each piece of equipment valued at \$500 or more.
- (5) Premium Pay. This enumeration in excess of the basic hourly rate. (Requires written approval of the Contracting Officer.)
- (6) Consultants. The supporting information must include the name, hourly or daily rate of the consultant, and reference the NRC approval (if not specifically approved in the original contract).
- (7) Travel. Total costs associated with each trip must be shown in the following format:

	<u>Start Date</u>	Destination	Costs
From	То	From To	\$

- (8) Subcontracts. Include separate detailed breakdown of all costs paid to approved subcontractors during the billing period.
- (9) Other Costs. List all other direct costs by cost element and dollar amount separately.
- (g) Indirect Costs (Overhead and General and Administrative Expense). Cite the formula (rate and base) in effect in accordance with the terms of the contract, during the time the costs were incurred and for which reimbursement is claimed.
- (h) Fixed Fee. If the contract provides for a fixed fee, it must be claimed as provided for by the contract. Cite the formula or method of computation. The contractor may bill for fixed fee only up to 85% of total fee.
- (i) Total Amount Billed. Insert the total amounts claimed for the current and cumulative periods.

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(j) Adjustments. For cumulative amount, include outstanding suspensions.

(k) Grand Totals.

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Further itemization of vouchers/invoices shall only be required for items having specific limitations set forth in the contract.

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## FEE RECOVERY BILLING REPORT

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FIN:

Facility Name or Report Title:

TAC or Inspection	Report Numbe	r:		
(or other unique	identifier)			
Docket Number (if	applicable):			<u> </u>
Cost Categories	Period Amt.	Period Cost Incurred	Fiscal Year To Date Costs	Total Cumulative Costs
Labor				
Materials				
Subcontractor/ Consultant				
Travel				
Other (specify)				
Common Costs				
Total				

Remarks:

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Attachment 02 NEW STANDARDS FOR CONTRACTORS WHO PREPARE NUREG-SERIES MANUSCRIPTS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will begin to capture its official records electronically on January 1, 2000. All records will be saved electronically in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System, known as ADAMS.

The NRC will capture each final NUREG-series publication in its native application. Therefore, commencing January 1, 2000, please submit your final manuscript that has been approved by your NRC Project Officer in both electronic and camera-ready copy.

All format guidance, as specified in NUREG-0650, Revision 2, will remain the same with one exception. You will no longer be required to include the NUREG-series designator on the bottom of each page of the manuscript. The NRC will assign this designator when we send the camera-ready copy to the printer and will place the designator on the cover, title page, and spine. The designator for each report will no longer be assigned when the decision to prepare a publication is made. The NRC's Publishing Services Branch will inform the NRC Project Officer for the publication of the assigned designator when the final manuscript is sent to the printer.

For the electronic manuscript, prepare the text in WordPerfect 8, and use any of the following file types for charts, spreadsheets, and the like.

File Types to be Used for NUREG-Series Publications	
File Type	File Extension
WordPerfect®	.wpd
Microsoft® PowerPoint®	.ppt
Corel <sup>®</sup> QuattroPro	.wb3
Corel <sup>®</sup> Presentations	.shw
Lotus <sup>®</sup> 1-2-3	.wk4
Portable Document Format	.pdf

This list is subject to change if new software packages come into common use at NRC or by our licensees or other stakeholders that participate in the electronic submission process. If a portion of your manuscript is from another source and you cannot obtain an acceptable electronic file type for this portion (e.g., an appendix from an old publication), the NRC can, if necessary, create a tagged image file format (file extension.tif) for that portion of your report. Note that you should continue to submit original photographs, which will be scanned, since digitized photographs do not print well.

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# Unclassified Contractor and Grantee Publications in the NUREG Series Directive 3.8 Policy (3.8-01)

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission policy requires that the following publications published by NRC adhere to the documentation and production requirements, standards, and practices specified in this directive and handbook: (1) unclassified NRC contractor, consultant, or grantee formal reports, books, and international agreement reports in the NUREG/CR (contractor reports), NUREG/GR (grant reports), and NUREG/IA (international agreement reports), and (3) publications prepared for NRC under memoranda of understanding and interagency agreements.

# Objectives (3.8–02)

- To ensure the production and dissemination of information and publications as required by the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 and the Freedom of Information Act. (a)
- To ensure technical staff and management reviews of formal reports and books before publication. (b)
- To ensure that national security, patent rights, copyrights, proprietary rights, and rights in other sensitive unclassified information, including those specified in interagency and international agreements and memoranda of understanding, are not compromised by the release or publication of information by NRC. (c)

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# **Objectives**

(3.8-02) (continued)

- To ensure that all unclassified NRC contractor or grantee publications in the NUREG series carry the registered Government identification NUREG/CR-0000, NUREG/ GR-0000, or NUREG/IA-0000, with the exception of some publications prepared by grantees, and indicate the availability of source material used in these publications. (d)
- To ensure that NRC-sponsored book manuscripts receive proper peer review from experts within and outside NRC. (e)
- To provide uniform procedures for publishing formal reports and books prepared by NRC contractors or grantees. (f)

## **Organizational Responsibilities and Delegations of Authority** (3.8-03)

**Executive Director for Operations (EDO)** (031)

> Delegates to the Deputy Executive Directors for Operation decisionmaking authority for the resolution of differences between NRC and contractors about the contents of publications, about granting contractors permission to publish NRC-sponsored information in the open literature, and about permitting contractors to issue press or other media releases concerning NRC-sponsored information.

## **Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Regional Operations** and Research (DEDR)

(032)

As delegated from the EDO, makes final decisions in the following areas for the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, and regional offices:

When an office director refuses to publish an NRC-sponsored document because of irreconcilable differences between himself or herself and the author about the contents of the document. (a)

### Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Regional Operations and Research (DEDR) (032) (continued)

- When an office director refuses to permit a contractor's principal investigator to publish NRC-sponsored information in the open literature. (b)
- When an office director refuses to permit a contractor to issue a press or other media release about an NRC-sponsored publication. (c)

Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Materials Safety, Safeguards, and Operations Support (DEDS) (033)

As delegated from the EDO, makes final decisions in the following areas for the offices reporting to the DEDS:

- When an office director refuses to publish an NRC-sponsored document because of irreconcilable differences between himself or herself and the author about the contents of the document. (a)
- When an office director refuses to permit a contractor's principal investigator to publish NRC-sponsored information in the open literature. (b)
- When an office director refuses to permit a contractor to issue a press or other media release about an NRC-sponsored publication. (c)

# **Office Directors** (034)

- Ensure that publications will be reviewed in draft for acceptability before final printing and distribution by determining that they are consistent with agency policy, management decisions, and that they raise no significant legal issues. (a)
- Ensure that statements of work on contracts\* include a requirement that contractors comply with this directive and handbook and with Government Printing and Binding Regulations. (b)

<sup>• &</sup>quot;Contract" in this context encompasses the "Standard Order for DOE Work" (NRC Form 173), interagency and international agreements, and grants.

# **Office Directors**

(034) (continued)

• Sign, or delegate signature authority for, the NRC Form 426A, "Release to Publish Unclassified NRC Contractor, Consultant, or Conference Proceedings Reports" (Exhibit 1 of Handbook 3.8), and for memoranda requesting reprints of contractor publications. (c)

**Director, Office of Administration (ADM)** (035)

As delegated from the DEDS, administers NRC's programs and policies for publishing unclassified contractor and grantee reports and books in the NUREG series.

Director, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, (DFIPS), ADM (036)

- Develops and administers, as delegated from the Director, ADM, NRC's program and policies for publishing unclassified contractor, consultant, and grantee formal reports, books, and international agreement reports in the NUREG/CR, NUREG/GR, and NUREG/IA series. (a)
- Applies the policy, procedures, standards, and guides for the documentation, formatting, composition, printing, and dissemination of NRC-sponsored publications in the NUREG series consistent with the mission of the agency and in accordance with the requirements of the Government Printing and Binding Regulations issued by the Joint Committee on Printing, U.S. Congress. (b)
- Develops and administers the central agency publication numbering system for identifying, producing, and retrieving unclassified NRC-sponsored publications in the NUREG series. (c)

# **Director, Division of Contracts (DC), ADM** (037)

Ensures that those requests for proposals, invitations for bids, and grant proposals, and the ensuing contracts and grants that require

# **Director, Division of Contracts (DC), ADM** (037) (continued)

publications as deliverables include provisions requiring that contractors comply with this directive and handbook and with Government Printing and Binding Regulations.

# Applicability (3.8–04)

Employees (041)

All NRC employees shall follow the policy and guidance specified in this directive and handbook.

# **Other Publications**

(042)

The provisions of this directive and handbook do not apply to NRC staff publications in the NUREG series, NRC docket material, or documents created by NRC boards, panels, advisory committees, or offices that report to the Commission.

## Handbook

(3.8–05)

Handbook 3.8 gives detailed guidelines for preparing unclassified contractor and grantee publications in the NUREG series.

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(3.8-06)

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# Part I

# Introduction

This handbook specifies the procedures that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) contractors and grantees need to follow when preparing the following publications for the NRC: (A)

- Final NUREG reports (1)
- International agreement reports (2)
- Books (3)
- Grant publications (4)

The handbook is divided into six major parts and includes a glossary and exhibits. Part II provides general information for staff consideration in preparing statements of work. Parts III, IV, V, and VI provide publishing guidelines specific to, respectively, contractor reports, international agreement reports, books, and grantee publications. (B)

Contractor means a private contractor, consultant, expert, another State or Federal agency working under an interagency agreement, or a Department of Energy (DOE) facility or subcontractor, such as a national laboratory, working under the DOE/NRC Memorandum of Understanding of February 24, 1978, and any subcontractors of these organizations. (C)

This directive and handbook, as well as a copy of "Publishing Documents in the NUREG Series" (NUREG-0650, Revision 1), must be included or referenced in all contracts, interagency and international agreements, and grants for which the publications previously listed are contract deliverables or grant obligations. In addition to the guidelines specific to each type of publication that appear in subsequent parts of this handbook, all statements of work must contain the applicable guidelines outlined in Part II. (D)

# Part II

# Preparing Publication Requirements for Statements of Work for Contracts

## **Specifying Publication Requirements** (A)

List and describe the type of technical reports required from each project, task, or subtask, as applicable. State when, how many, and to whom the reports should be submitted and the scope of information they should contain. These reports may be unclassified, sensitive unclassified, or classified. For guidelines and requirements covering sensitive unclassified and classified publications, refer to Management Directive (MD) 12.2, "NRC Classified Information Security Program," and MD 12.6, "NRC Sensitive Unclassified Information Security Program." (1)

This directive and handbook pertain to publications that will be issued in the NUREG/CR, NUREG/IA, and NUREG/GR series. (2)

## Publishing Formal Reports (B)

NUREG series reports will be printed and distributed by NRC from camera-ready copy submitted by the contractor to the Publications Branch, Mailstop T-6 E7, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The camera-ready copy is to be prepared in accordance with the provisions of this handbook. Recommended guidelines for the organization and format of formal reports are specified in "Publishing Documents in the NUREG Series" (NUREG-0650, Revision 1). (1)

When the report contains sensitive unclassified or classified information, the contractor must comply with MD 12.2. (2)

## Publishing Formal Reports (B) (continued)

If a draft is desired before completing a final report, specify in the statement of work (SOW) the due date for delivering the final camera-ready copy after receiving comments from NRC staff or participants (if applicable) on the draft. State that all draft material be submitted to the cognizant NRC contact. (3)

When the contractor is to submit draft material for comment before preparing the final report, state that the contractor will be asked to make changes if there are comments from NRC staff or participants. If agreement on the changes is reached, the NRC contact will authorize the contractor to prepare the final copy and submit it to the NRC contact if it is a letter report or input to a Safety Evaluation Report or an Environmental Statement, or to the Director, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services (DFIPS) if it is a camera-ready copy for printing and distribution. This procedure will ensure proper publication, handling, distribution and, among other things, preclude further changes that might nullify the agreement. (4)

If special caveats were agreed to between the contractor and the NRC contact, the caveats should accompany the NRC Form 426A (Exhibit 1) for approval when it is sent to the NRC contact. A copy of special caveats should also accompany the camera-ready copy sent to DFIPS. (5)

If agreement on changes to a formal technical report to be issued in the NUREG/CR series is not reached, the NRC contact may request the contractor to prepare the camera-ready copy with, in addition to the standard disclaimer required on all contractor formal reports (see Section (F), Part III of this handbook), any caveats deemed necessary to cover NRC objections. These caveats may range from "The views expressed in this report are not necessarily those of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission" to the addition of a preface setting forth the NRC opinion or footnotes at appropriate locations within the text. (6)

If NRC objections cannot be covered in this manner, NRC can refuse to publish the report. In the case of DOE/national laboratory reports, the DOE Operations Office Manager responsible for the laboratory should be informed by the NRC office director or regional administrator of the decision and the reasons therefor. A copy of the decision should be sent to the laboratory director. In the case of another Federal agency, a State, or a private contractor, the person who entered into the contract should similarly be informed by the

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# Publishing Formal Reports (B) (continued)

NRC contracting officer. The contractor is then free to publish the report without identifying NRC as the funding sponsor of the report and without the NRC disclaimer. Decisions by the office director or designee may be appealed to the appropriate Deputy Executive Director for Operations. (7)

# Publishing Unclassified Information in the Open Literature and Presenting Papers (C)

Specify whether the contractor's principal investigator is permitted to publish in the **open literature** instead of submitting a final report and/or to present papers at public or association meetings during the course of the work. If this arrangement is authorized, add the following statement to the SOW: (1)

The principal investigator may publish the results of this work in the open literature instead of submitting a final report or may present papers at public or association meetings at interim stages of the work.

If the NRC contact wants to review the paper or journal article before presentation or submission for publication, so state in the SOW, as follows: (2)

The principal investigator may publish the results of this work in the open literature instead of submitting a final report or may present papers at public or association meetings at interim stages of the work if the article or paper has been reviewed by the NRC contact in draft form and agreement has been reached on the content.

If agreement is not reached, NRC may also require that the paper include in addition to the standard statement "Work supported by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission," any caveats deemed necessary to cover NRC objections. If NRC objections cannot be covered in this manner, NRC may refuse to authorize publication in the open literature and/or presentation of papers. (3)

In the latter case, NRC will inform the contractor of the decision, as previously stated. The contractor is then free to publish without identifying NRC as the funding sponsor of the information. Decisions by office directors or designees may be appealed to the appropriate NRC Deputy Executive Director for Operations. (4)

# Publishing Unclassified Information in the Open Literature and Presenting

Papers (C) (continued)

If the contractor proposes to publish in the open literature or present the information at meetings *in addition* to submitting the required technical reports, approval of the proposed article or presentation should be obtained from NRC. NRC shall approve the material as submitted, approve it subject to NRC-suggested revisions, or disapprove it. In any event, NRC may disapprove or delay presentation of papers on information that is subject to the Commission's approval that has not been ruled upon or that has been disapproved. (5)

If the contractor requests permission to publish in the open literature even though the contract does not explicitly provide for this type of publication, the contract can be modified to provide for such presentations. (6)

When the contractor submits journal articles for publication, each must be accompanied by the following statement: (7)

The submitted manuscript has been authored by a contractor of the U.S. Government under Contract\* No.\_\_\_\_\_. Accordingly, the U.S. Government has a nonexclusive, royalty-free license to publish or reproduce the published form of this contribution, or allow others to do so, for U.S. Government purposes.

All published papers and articles must include the following disclaimer: (8)

This report was prepared as an account of work sponsored by an agency of the United States Government. Neither the United States Government nor any agency thereof, nor any of their employees, makes any warranty, expressed or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for any third party's use or the results of such use, of any information, apparatus, product, or process disclosed in this report, or represents that its use by such third party would not infringe privately owned rights. The views expressed in this paper are not necessarily those of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

<sup>\*</sup>For DOE work orders, the appropriate job code number is applicable.

# Publishing Unclassified Information in the Open Literature and Presenting

Papers (C) (continued)

If the contractor is requested by the journal or other publisher to transfer the copyright, the contract author will respond to the journal or other publisher in writing in accord with the sample letter shown as follows: (9)

Dear (Copyright Holder's Name):

We recently received a document for signature assigning copyright and republication rights in the submitted article (title) to (name of publication). This letter is offered in lieu of the document as a means of completing the transfer of ownership. Accordingly, we hereby expressly transfer and assign our rights of ownership in the above-cited work to (name of publisher).

You are advised, however, that the above assignment and any publication or republication of the above-cited work is subject to the following Government rights:

The submitted manuscript has been authored by a contractor of the U.S. Government under Contract No.

Accordingly, the U.S. Government has a nonexclusive, royalty-free license to publish or reproduce the published form of this contribution, or allow others to do so, for U.S. Government purposes.

Sincerely,

If NRC approves open literature publication and page charges and travel costs are required for the presentation of papers, see MD 3.9, "NRC Staff and Contractor Speeches, Papers, and Journal Articles on Regulatory and Technical Subjects." (10)

# **Reports Containing Sensitive Unclassified and Classified Information** (D)

Examples of the proper marking of reports designated Official Use Only, Limited Official Use, Proprietary Information, Safeguards Information, and classified (CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET, and TOP SECRET) are specified in MD 12.2.

# **Conference and Workshop Proceedings** (E)

If NRC approves publication of compilations of papers presented at NRC-sponsored or cosponsored meetings, conferences, and symposia, see MD 3.11, "Conferences and Conference Proceedings."

# **Distribution of Reports to Contractors** (F)

Up to 50 copies of printed unclassified NUREG/CR, NUREG/GR, and NUREG/IA reports will be bulk shipped to the contractor by NRC. (The Joint Committee on Printing's *Government Printing and Binding Regulations* permit contractors to receive free of charge up to 50 copies of reports they have produced for NRC.) If fewer than 50 copies are needed, indicate the desired quantity on NRC Form 426A (Exhibit 1). Contractors requesting single copies for specific individuals in organizations other than the contractor's organization who are not included in the distribution requested by the NRC contact may address such a request, with written justification, to the NRC contact. If the additional distribution is approved by the NRC contact, the contractor shall send address labels with the camera-ready copy to the Publications Branch, DFIPS, USNRC, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and that distribution will be made along with the standard distribution.

# **Coordinating Contractor Press or Other Media Releases of Information** (G)

A contractor may request permission to issue a press or other media release on the work being done. That request must be made to the NRC office director or designee, who will consult with the staff of the Office of Public Affairs. The contractor must not issue a press release on nonroutine information without this prior approval. This approval may be obtained by a telephone call to the office director or designee to expedite the request. The contractor may appeal decisions not to authorize the release of information or delays in handling the request to the appropriate Deputy Executive Director for Operations.

# Part III

# **Draft and Final NUREG Reports**

# **Identification Information** (A)

### NUREG Number (1)

Each contractor report published by NRC must be identified by a unique alphanumeric designation controlled and maintained by the Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services (DFIPS). To obtain an NRC report number, call the Publications Branch, DFIPS, at (301) 415-7008. (a)

The NRC identification numbers will have one of the following forms: (b)

- NUREG/CR-0000
- NUREG/GR-0000
- NUREG/IA-0000

CR indicates contractor report, GR indicates grant report, and IA indicates international agreement report. The contractor report number, if any, will be placed below the NUREG number on the title page and cover. (c)

When a report consists of more than one volume or binding, or is issued in more than one edition, an appropriate volume, number, supplement, part, addendum, or revision designation must appear immediately below the NRC report number and the contractor's report number, if any. (d)

### Authors' Names (2)

Authors' names must appear on the report cover and title page, unless placing them there is impractical, as for an annual report having many contributors. Editors or compilers with subject-area expertise may also be identified as such on the cover and title page. The authors'

## Identification Information (A) (continued)

## Authors' Names (2) (continued)

affiliation need not be listed unless it differs from the organization creating the report.

### **Organizational Identification** (3)

The Publications Branch, DFIPS, prepares the covers and title pages for all reports and will list information about the organization that created the report as it is provided.

#### **Previous Reports in Series** (4)

If the report being prepared is one in an ongoing series, list all previous reports in the series. Include report numbers and issuance dates. Place this list on the back of the title page. If this list cannot be placed on a single page, place the pages at the end of the front matter rather than on the back of the title page.

### **Report Dates** (5)

The report dates are shown on the title page. These dates include the month and year the report is completed and the month and year it is published.

# **Report Organization and Components (B)**

The organization and components of contractor reports vary, depending on their purpose and scope. Recommended format and organizational guidelines appear in "Publishing Documents in the NUREG Series" (NUREG-0650, Revision 1). (1)

Each draft and final report prepared for NRC must include an abstract of 200 words or less that appears on a separate page preceding the table of contents. The abstract also must appear on the "Bibliographic Data Sheet," NRC Form 335 (Exhibit 2). Instructions for completing NRC Form 335 appear on the back of the form. Guidelines on the special writing requirements for preparing abstracts appear in Section 5.5 of NUREG-0650, Revision 1. (2)

# **Pre-Publication Reviews** (C)

#### Patent Review (1)

Patent implications must be considered before approval of reports for public release so that disclosure will not adversely affect the patent

## **Pre-Publication Reviews** (C) (continued)

## Patent Review (1) (continued)

rights of NRC or the contractor. If the work being reported is contractually managed through another Government agency (e.g., DOE national laboratories), the contractor should request that Government agency to perform the patent review. The result of the review must be reported on NRC Form 426A under item 8 (see Exhibit 1). (a)

If NRC directly administers the contract, or the contractor is unable to obtain a patent clearance from the Government agency administering the contract, the responsible NRC contracting officer must be consulted, and the responsible NRC technical contact shall consider the patent implications. If the report does not require a patent review because the report does not contain any description of novel technical developments that may be of an inventive nature, mark "N/A" on the NRC Form 426A in the space for the Patent Counsel's signature. If a possibility exists that developments of an inventive nature are disclosed, the contracting officer shall request assistance from the NRC Assistant General Counsel for Administration, Office of the General Counsel, on (301) 415–1553. (b)

### Security Review (2)

If a report of sensitive unclassified or classified work is required, the NRC contact must work with the NRC Division of Security to establish the appropriate procedures and inform the contractor of these procedures through the contracting officer. The standards for marking and handling these reports are given in Management Directive (MD) 12.2, "NRC Classified Information Security Program."

### **Copyright Review** (3)

Copyrighted material must not appear in NRC-sponsored publications without written permission from the copyright holder. See Section 3.4 of NUREG-0650, Revision 1, for information about obtaining copyright permission.

## **Color Printing** (D)

Regulations issued by the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) restrict the use of color in printed materials to those uses that are of demonstrable value. JCP regulations specify that "demonstrably valuable multicolor printing" includes the following categories: (1)

## **Color Printing** (D) (continued)

- Maps and technical diagrams for which additional color is necessary for clarity. (a)
- Object identification (medical specimens, diseases, plants, flags, uniforms, etc.). (b)
- Safety programs, fire prevention, savings bonds programs, and competitive areas of personnel recruiting. (c)
- Areas wherein clearly identifiable savings in costs can be soundly predicated on multicolor use. (d)
- Printing for programs required by law, whose relative success or failure is in direct ratio to the degree of public response, and for which that response can be logically attributable to the number of colors planned and the manner in which they are proposed to be used. (e)
- Color for promotional or motivational purposes, such as programs concerning public health, safety, and consumer benefits, or to encourage utilization of Government facilities, such as programs for Social Security, Medicare, and certain areas of need for veterans. (f)

The regulations indicate that the following categories do not meet the "demonstrable value" criteria: (2)

- Printed items wherein additional color is used primarily for decorative effect. (a)
- Printed items for which additional color is used primarily in lieu of effective layout and design. (b)
- Printed items for which additional color is used excessively, that is, four colors when two or three will fulfill the need, three colors when two are adequate, two colors when one is adequate. (c)
- Printed items wherein the inclusion of multicolor does not reflect careful, competent advance planning that recognizes the contribution that the use of color is expected to make to the ultimate end-purpose. (d)

# Color Printing (D) (continued)

If color printing is anticipated when the statement of work or standard order for DOE work is being prepared, contact the Publications Branch, DFIPS. Prior approval must be granted by the Director of DFIPS. If a requirement for color printing arises as the report is being prepared, submit a written justification for its use to the Director of DFIPS. (3)

# Microfiche (E)

NRC contractors and DOE laboratories submitting microfiche with reports must submit a hard copy of each microfiche, include headers on each microfiche as shown in Exhibit 3, and conform to the following NRC specifications.\*

- Microfiche must conform to either the 24/98 format for source documents with 14 columns and 7 rows (reduction ratio of 1 to 24) or the 48/270 format for computer output microfilm with 18 columns and 15 rows (reduction ratio of 1 to 48). (1)
- The microfiche sheet must be standard 105 mm by 148 mm. (2)
- The microfiche must be either a silver-halide master or a black or blue-black diazo placed in acid-free envelopes. (3)
- The microfiche must contain headers as shown in the sample in Exhibit 3. Specifically, the first block of the header must contain the NUREG number (include volume or revision, if applicable), the contractor identification number, and the classification (e.g., unclassified, proprietary). The second block must contain the description of the microfiche and may include the contractor's name. The third block must contain the publication date and the sheet identification. (4)
- The header information must be eye readable on a clear background. (5)
- A foldout page must be microfilmed in sections if the page is too large to be microfilmed in a double frame. No less than 25-mm overlap of original material is acceptable. (6)

<sup>\*</sup>With the exception of items (3), (4), and (8), these specifications are consistent with the American National Standards Institute "Standard for Micrographics-Microfiche, ANSI/AIIM MS5-1985." Copies of this standard are available from the American National Standards Institute, ATTN: Sales Department, 11 West 42nd Street, 13th floor, New York, NY 10036 (212) 642-4900, or from the Association for Information and Image Management, ATTN: Publications Section, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 587-8202.

# Microfiche (E) (continued)

- The first frame must be blank (on the first sheet only), and the second frame must contain the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST's) Reference Material resolution target in Microcopy Test Charts (NBS SRM 1010A). (7)
- Jacketed microfiche is unacceptable. (8)

# **Disclaimers** (F)

The following notice will be added by the Publications Branch, DFIPS, before the printing process on the inside front cover: (1)

This report was prepared as an account of work sponsored by an agency of the United States Government. Neither the United States Government nor any agency thereof, nor any of their employees, makes any warranty, expressed or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for any third party's use, or the results of such use, of any information, apparatus, product, or process disclosed in this report, or represents that its use by such third party would not infringe privately owned rights.

The branch will print the additional statement, "The views expressed in this report are not necessarily those of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission," below the standard disclaimer, if appropriate. Other qualifying statements may be added, if needed. (2)

# **Availability Information** (G)

## Reference Material (1)

Reports or other documents referenced in text, reference sections, bibliographies, and appendixes of unclassified regulatory and technical reports in the NUREG series must be available to the public either in the public domain (as in a public library, at the Government Printing Office (GPO), at the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), or at other reference or sales outlets) or in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). This means that references should not be made to personal communications and interviews, unpublished information and information with restricted distribution (e.g., proprietary, National Security, and Official Use Only). If the unretrievable information is important and unrestricted, quote it in

## Availability Information (G) (continued)

Reference Material (1) (continued)

the text or in footnotes. Provide any credit due to individuals in the text or in an acknowledgment section. Availability may be stated collectively for all entries. (a)

Although proprietary reports may not be included in a list of references, listing or identification of proprietary reports may be included in an appendix or in a separate listing following the reference section titled "Proprietary Sources of Information." (b)

In addition, reference to Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) documents may not be made without prior approval from INPO. Approval to reference INPO documents must be stated on the NRC Form 426A. (c)

Guidelines for developing and presenting reference material are provided in NUREG-0650, Revision 1. (d)

Reports (2)

Most final reports are sold by GPO and NTIS. A statement indicating this availability is added to each report, as appropriate, by the Publications Branch staff before the report is printed. (a)

Draft reports for which comments are requested are typically announced in the *Federal Register* as being available from the NRC. These reports are not sold at GPO or at NTIS. (b)

## Forms (H)

### Bibliographic Data Sheet (NRC Form 335) (1)

All published NRC reports must include an NRC Form 335 as the final right-hand page of the manuscript. Instructions for completing the NRC Form 335 appear on the back of the form. A completed NRC Form 335 must be submitted to the Technical Publications Section, DFIPS, with the camera-ready copy of the report. Exhibit 2 shows a completed NRC Form 335.

Release To Publish Unclassified NRC Contractor, Consultant, or Conference Proceedings Reports (NRC Form 426A) (2)

The NRC contact must submit a completed NRC Form 426A (see Exhibit 1) with the camera-ready copy of the report to the Technical Publications Section, DFIPS. NRC Form 426A must be signed by the staff member designated by the appropriate office director.

# Printing and Reprinting (I)

The Publications Branch, DFIPS, will review the camera-ready report submitted for printing for its adherence to the standards and requirements set forth in this directive and handbook, as well as any relevant guidelines from NUREG-0650, Revision 1. Unsatisfactory manuscripts will be returned to the NRC contractor for appropriate action. (1)

Submit a memorandum requesting a **reprint** to the Director, DFIPS, or designee, for approval. Include with the request a written justification and the approval of the office director or designee for reprinting. Also provide address labels for recipients not on NRC standard distribution lists. (2)

## **Distribution** (J)

The Publications Branch, DFIPS, will arrange distribution for all copies of unclassified formal contractor reports in accordance with instructions on NRC Form 426A (Exhibit 1). The Publications Branch will also arrange automatic distribution of these reports to NRC NUDOCS, the NRC PDR, NTIS, GPO, and the GPO Federal Depository Library Program. (1)

Sensitive unclassified and classified reports will be distributed by the NRC sponsoring office on a case-by-case basis. (2)

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# Part IV

# **International Agreement Reports**

## **Background and Rationale** (A)

NRC has cooperative nuclear safety research programs that involve either or both foreign governments and organizations and U.S. industry. These programs include monetary contributions, information exchange, and comments on program plans and results as authorized in the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974. To this end, international and U.S. industry agreements have been signed that provide for transmitting unclassified technical information from foreign participants to NRC. These procedures apply only to NRC-managed work. (1)

The interests of all NRC international nuclear safety research program participants are served best by formal dissemination of information on these programs or codes developed for or in cooperation with NRC. (2)

# **Identification Information** (B)

#### **Cover and Title Page** (1)

The cover and title page will contain a title, a subtitle (if appropriate), the names of the authors, the performing organization, and the NRC office sponsoring the project. The cover and title page will be prepared by the Publications Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services (DFIPS).

### NRC Report Number (2)

Each report must be identified by an NRC-controlled alphanumeric number as the prime number unique to that report. The centralized document control system for unique identification is maintained by DFIPS. Numbers may be obtained by calling the Publications Branch at (301) 415-7008. (a)

# Identification Information (B) (continued)

NRC Report Number (2) (continued)

The NRC identification number will have the form "NUREG/IA-000," where IA indicates "international agreement." The foreign participant's report number, if any, may be inserted below the NUREG number on the cover, if desired. (b)

When a report consists of more than one volume or binding or is issued in more than one edition, include an appropriate volume, number, supplement, part, addendum, or revision designation below the report number and the foreign participant's report number, if any. (c)

### **Previous Reports in Series (3)**

If the report being prepared is one in an ongoing series, list all previous reports in the series. Include report numbers and issuance dates. Place this list on the back of the title page. If this list cannot be placed on a single page, place the pages at the end of the front matter rather than on the back of the title page.

# **Report Organization and Components (C)**

The organization and components of cooperative agreement reports vary somewhat, depending on their purpose and scope. Each of these reports must include an abstract of 200 words or less that appears on a separate page before the table of contents. The abstract must also appear on the "Bibliographic Data Sheet," NRC Form 335 (Exhibit 2). Instructions for completing NRC Form 335 appear on the back of the form (Exhibit 2). Guidance on the special writing requirements for preparing abstracts appears in Section 5.5 of NUREG-0650, Revision 1.

# **Availability Information** (D)

### **References and Bibliographies (1)**

Reports or other documents referenced in text, reference sections, bibliographies, and appendixes of unclassified regulatory and technical reports in the NUREG series must be available to the public either in the public domain (as in a public library, at the Government Printing Office (GPO), at the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), or at other reference or sales outlets) or in the NRC Public Document Room. This means that references should not be made to personal communications, interviews, and unpublished information with restricted distribution (e.g., proprietary, National Security, Official Use Only). If the unretrievable information is important and

# Availability Information (D) (continued)

References and Bibliographies (1) (continued)

unrestricted, it can be quoted in the text, in footnotes, or in appendixes. If the title of a document containing proprietary information is unclassified, it can also be quoted in the text or in a footnote. If credit is due to individuals, they can be mentioned in the text or in an acknowledgment section. Availability may be stated collectively for all entries. (a)

Although proprietary reports may not be included in a list of references, listing or identification of proprietary reports may be included in an appendix or in a separate listing following the reference section titled "Proprietary Sources of Information." (b)

In addition, reference to Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) documents may not be made without prior approval from INPO. Approval to reference INPO documents must be stated on the NRC Form 426A. (c)

Guidelines for developing and presenting reference material are provided in NUREG-0650, Revision 1. (d)

Reports (2)

These reports will be made available for sale by GPO and NTIS.

# **Disclaimer** (E)

The following notice will be added by the Publications Branch, DFIPS, on the inside front cover before printing.

## NOTICE

This report was prepared under an international cooperative agreement for the exchange of technical information. Neither the United States Government nor any agency thereof, nor any of their employees, makes any warranty, expressed or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for any third party's use, or the results of such use, of any information, apparatus, product, or process disclosed in this report, or represents that its use by such third party would not infringe privately owned rights.

## Forms (F)

#### **Bibliographic Data Sheet (NRC Form 335) (1)**

Submit a typed NRC Form 335 (Exhibit 2) with the camera-ready copy to the Technical Publications Section, DFIPS, as the final right-hand page.

Release to Publish Unclassified NRC Contractor, Consultant, or Conference Proceedings Reports (NRC Form 426A) (2)

An NRC Form 426A (Exhibit 1) must be completed and signed by the office director or designee and submitted with the camera-ready copy of the report to the Technical Publications Section, DFIPS.

# **Classified or Sensitive Unclassified Information** (G)

The NRC contact should refer to Management Directive 12.2 or call the Division of Security for answers to questions about the status of classified or sensitive unclassified information in NUREG/IA reports.

# Part V

# Books

General (A)

These guidelines apply to books written by contractors and grantees that are printed by NRC. See Part VI of this handbook for guidance on publications, including books, by grantees.

### **Definition** (B)

A book refers to a publication intended as a permanent reference or as a textbook or major critical review of a technical or regulatory topic.

### Format (C)

Books are usually 6 by 9 inches in trim size, but size will be based on requirements such as ease of use and legibility for graphics, foldouts, and the like. The binding (casebound or paperback) will be chosen according to the need for durability. Additional guidance on manuscript preparations can be found in the U.S. Government Printing Office Style Manual and the Chicago University's A Manual of Style. Refer also to NRC's "Publishing Documents in the NUREG Series" (NUREG-0650, Revision 1). (1)

The contractor shall submit to the NRC project manager the typeset (photocomposed) manuscript suitable for printing. The NRC contact shall submit the manuscript to the Chief, Publications Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, (DFIPS), where it will be reviewed for adherence to the standards set forth and referenced in this directive and handbook. The manuscript will also be reviewed for printing acceptability by the Printing and Mail Services Branch, DFIPS. Unsatisfactory manuscripts will be reported to the NRC contact for appropriate contractual action by the NRC contracting officer or, in the case of Government agency or interagency agreement work, the publications manager of the performing organization. (2)

### Format (C) (continued)

DFIPS will approve the design of the cover and title page containing appropriate information concerning-(3)

- Authors' names (a)
- Organizational identification (b)
- Public availability and sales (c)

All books must include a comprehensive subject index of the book's contents, unless the book is made up almost exclusively of graphical or tabular matter. See NUREG-0650, or *The Chicago Manual Style* (13th ed.) for guidelines on creating an index. (4)

### **NRC Document Number** (D)

Each book must be identified by an NRC-controlled alphanumeric code unique to that book. The alphanumeric code will have the form NUREG/CR for books prepared by contractors and NUREG/GR for books prepared by grantees. (1)

When a book consists of more than one volume or binding, or is issued in more than one edition, include an appropriate volume, number, supplement, part, addendum, or revision designation directly below the document number. (2)

Numbers are assigned by the Publications Branch, DFIPS. The number may be obtained before the manuscript is submitted to DFIPS for printing by calling the Publications Branch at (301) 415–7166. The DFIPS staff will arrange to meet with the NRC contact for the project and, when appropriate, the author(s), to discuss the publication production requirements and the schedule for the book. (3)

### Availability of Reference Materials (E)

The guidelines for availability of reference material given in Section G of Part III of this handbook also apply to books prepared by contractors and grantees that are published by NRC.

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### **Reviews** (F)

#### **Peer** (1)

Books published by NRC must undergo peer review by experts within and outside NRC. Peer review refers to a critical evaluation of the technical contents of a publication. These reviews may be conducted anonymously by reviewers from the author's own or a related field who are totally independent of the work leading to the manuscript. (a)

Reviewers should be chosen by the NRC office sponsoring the book from the potential audience for the publication and should provide an independent judgment about whether the publication successfully accomplishes the author's aims. Peer reviewers should be chosen for their expertise in the subject matter of the book. They may come from academia, the national laboratories, other Federal agencies, or from other research institutes or consulting firms. They may be identified from the membership rolls of professional societies, American National Standards Institute (ANSI) subcommittees, and the like. Do not choose more than one reviewer from the same organization. (b)

When assessing potential peer reviewers, screen for demonstrated competence and achievement in a specific discipline or research specialty. Assess competence based on the quality of research accomplished, publications in refereed journals, and other significant technical activities, achievements, and honors. Consider the judgment, perspective, and objectivity of reviewers. Consider also the personal integrity of those selected to ensure the confidentiality of information reviewed. Finally, avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest. Do not choose reviewers who are licensees or consultants to licensees, nor reviewers from intervenor groups. Likewise, do not choose reviewers who may profit financially from influencing the information reviewed. (c)

The services of reviewers from outside the agency may be acquired through consultant services contracts. The decision as to whether to reimburse peer reviewers should be made on a case-by-case basis, however. Recognize that reimbursing peer reviewers may give the appearance of a conflict of interest, suggesting to some that because NRC is paying for this service, the agency will seek only reviewers thought to be favorably disposed to the material reviewed. One way to offset this impression is to seek recommendations for peer reviewers from independent organizations, such as the American Physics

### **Reviews** (F) (continued)

#### Peer (1) (continued)

Society, the American Nuclear Society, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, or appropriate universities. Reimbursement could then be made to the organization. (d)

#### Copyright (2)

Copyrighted material must not be reproduced in NRC books without appropriate authority, usually written permission of the copyright holder. See Section 3.4 of NUREG-0650, Revision 1, for information about obtaining copyright permission.

#### Security (3)

On the basis of the knowledge of the information sources used, the author is responsible for ensuring that the manuscript does not contain classified or other access-controlled information. If uncertainty exists with respect to the security classification of a reference document or manuscript, an authorized classifier or the NRC Division of Security should be contacted for assistance. See also Management Directive 12.2, "NRC Classified Information Security Program."

#### Patent (4)

The patent review guidelines for draft and final formal reports specified in Section (C)(1) of Part III of this handbook also apply to books prepared by contractors and grantees.

## **Publishing Authorization Form** (G)

A completed NRC Form 426A (Exhibit 1), signed by the office director or designee or by a DOE national laboratory authorized official if the publication is prepared for the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, must be submitted to DFIPS with the book manuscript.

### **Disclaimers** (H)

The following standard U.S. Government notice will be added before printing: (1)

### Disclaimers (H) (continued)

This document was prepared as an account of work sponsored by an agency of the United States Government. Neither the United States Government nor any agency thereof, nor any of their employees, makes any warranty, expressed or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for any third party's use, or the results of such use, of any information, apparatus, product, or process disclosed in this document, or represents that its use by such third party would not infringe privately owned rights.

The following additional statement may be printed below the standard disclaimer, if authorized by the NRC office director or designee: (2)

This document was prepared under U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Contract No.\_\_\_\_\_. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed herein are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the NRC.

Other qualifying statements may be added, if needed. (3)

## **Printing** (I)

DFIPS will submit book manuscripts to GPO for printing. The printing cycle requires from 6 to 8 weeks.

# **Distribution and Sales** (J)

The DFIPS staff will arrange distribution in accordance with distribution guidance provided by the NRC project manager on NRC Form 426A (Exhibit 1). (1)

Free distribution should be limited to those who contributed materially to the book or to those for whom the book's subject matter bears directly on their work at or for NRC. (2)

DFIPS will arrange to make the book available for sale through GPO. DFIPS also will arrange to have it made available at the NRC PDR and for the GPO Federal Depository Library Program. (3)

# Part VI

# **Grant Publications**

### **Background and Rationale** (A)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission funds grants for educational and nonprofit institutions, State and local governments, and professional societies for the expansion, exchange, and transfer of knowledge and ideas pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, Sections 31.a and 141.b.

### **Publication of Results (B)**

The grant will specify the publication requirements of the award. Grant results may be published by NRC, by the grantee, or in the open literature.

#### **Publication by NRC (1)**

This publication option must be governed by the guidelines specified in Part III of this handbook for reports or in Part V of this handbook for books, as appropriate. See "Identification Information," Section (C) of this part.

#### **Publication by a Grantee (2)**

When the grant specifies that the grantee is to publish the results of his or her work, the grantee must grant to the Government a royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable license to reproduce, translate, publish, use, and dispose of all copyrightable material first produced or composed in the grantee's performance under the grant.

#### **Publication by a Grantee in the Open Literature (3)**

When the grantee submits journal articles for publication, each article must be accompanied by the following statement: (a)

# Publication of Results (B) (continued)

Publication by a Grantee in the Open Literature (3) (continued)

The submitted manuscript has been authored by a grantee of the U.S. Government under Grant No.\_\_\_\_\_\_. Accordingly, the U.S. Government has a nonexclusive, royalty-free license to publish or reproduce the published form of this contribution, or allow others to do so, for U.S. Government purposes.

All open literature publications prepared under this grant must contain the following statement: (b)

This paper was prepared with the support of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) under Grant No.\_\_\_\_\_. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed herein are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the NRC.

If the grantee is requested by the journal or other publisher to transfer the copyright, the grantee author will respond to the journal or other publisher in writing in accord with the sample letter shown as follows: (c)

Dear (Publisher's Name):

We recently received a document for signature assigning copyright and republication rights in the submitted article (title) to (name of publication). This letter is offered in lieu of the document as a means of completing the transfer of ownership. Accordingly, we hereby expressly transfer and assign our rights of ownership in the above-cited work to (name of publisher).

You are advised, however, that the above assignment and any publication or republication of the above-cited work is subject to the following Government rights:

The submitted manuscript has been authored by a grantee of the U.S. Government under Grant No.\_\_\_\_\_\_. Accordingly, the U.S. Government has a nonexclusive, royalty-free license to publish or reproduce the published form of this contribution, or allow others to do so, for U.S. Government purposes.

Sincerely,

# Publication of Results (B) (continued)

#### **Reprints of Open Literature Publications (4)**

When any article resulting from work under the grant is published in a scientific, technical, or professional journal, two reprints of the publication must be sent to the cognizant NRC program officer, clearly labeled with the grant number and other appropriate identifying information.

# **Identification Information** (C)

Each report or book published by NRC that results from a grant must be identified by an alphanumeric number, "NUREG/GR-000," where "GR" indicates "grant report." (1)

When the publication consists of more than one volume, number, supplement, part, or binding, or is issued in more than one edition, an appropriate volume, supplement, part, or revision designation must appear below the NUREG/GR number. (2)

Numbers may be obtained from the Publications Branch at (301) 415-7008. (3)

# **Pre-Publication Reviews** (D)

The U.S. Congress characterizes the relationship between a Federal agency and a grant recipient as one in which "the recipient can expect to run the project without agency collaboration, participation, or intervention as long as it is run in accordance with the terms of the instrument."

# **Glossary**\*

- **Book.** Apublication intended as a permanent reference or textbook or as a major critical review of a technical or regulatory topic. It may be *casebound* (hardback) or paperbound.
- **Camera-Ready Copy.** Pages ready for printing by the offset printing process. This is a colloquial term used even though the printing process may not involve the so-called copy camera (see also *reproducible masters*).

Casebound. Term denoting a book with a hard cover.

- **Compose.** To arrange letters, in type or film, for printing. Usually synonymous with *typesetting*.
- **Composition**. The process of setting type by hot-metal casting, phototypesetting, or electronic character generating devices (e.g., computers) for the purpose of producing *camera-ready copy*, negatives, a plate, or an image to be used in the production of *printing* or microform.
- **Contractor Report.** Record of work done (a report) prepared in accordance with the provisions of a contract or under or pursuant to an interagency agreement.
- **Copyright.** A form of protection provided by the laws of the United States (Title 17, U.S. Code), to the authors of "original works of authorship," including literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, and certain other intellectual works. This protection is available to both published and unpublished works. Generally, copyrighted material may not be reproduced without the permission of the author or the publisher.
- Disseminate. To announce the publication of reports and make them available for free distribution, sale, or copying.

<sup>\*</sup>Words in *italics* in definitions are also defined in the glossary.

# Glossary (continued)

- **Distribution.** Reports dispensed to specific organizations and individuals to ensure their participation in the regulatory process and support of research and technological investigations. Such distribution may be accomplished by the use of standard distribution lists established and maintained by the Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services at the request of the originating office or region.
- **Documentation.** Classification and associated markings required for classified or sensitive unclassified documents, the NRC report number unique to the report, title (and subtitle, if any), author or correspondent (if any), organization identification and contract number (or job code number), date, and availability.
- Edition. All copies of a book printed from the same type. Edition also refers to format, such as *paperback*, *casebound*, or to the text, as revised, expanded, and so on. If extensive revisions have been made to the text and the book is reprinted, the revised version is the new edition.
- Grant. A legal instrument which defines the relationship between the Government and a recipient for the transfer of money, property, services, or anything of value to the recipient for the accomplishment of a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by law. A grant presumes a limited amount of involvement by the agency in the performance by the recipient.
- Grant Report. A record of work done prepared in accordance with the provisions of the grant.
- Index. An alphabetical list of all major topics discussed in a *book*. It cites the page numbers where each topic can be found. The index is the last section of a book.
- International Agreement. Cooperative nuclear safety research programs that involve either or both foreign governments and organizations and U.S. industry. Such involvement, authorized under 42 U.S.C. 5801, includes monetary contributions, information exchanges, and comments on program plans and results.
- International Agreement Report. A record of work done prepared in accordance with the provisions of an *international agreement*.

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# Glossary (continued)

- Manuscript. A handwritten, typewritten, or *composed* version of a document, as distinguished from a printed copy.
- NRC Project Manager. The NRC staff member responsible for the work performed by consultants or contractors and their subcontractors, or for work performed under or pursuant to an interagency agreement.

Paperback. A book with a flexible paper cover.

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