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15A. ITEM NO	15B. SUPPLIES/SERVICES	15C. QUANTITY	15D. UNIT	15E. UNIT PRICE	15F. AMOUNT
	See Section B for Schedule of Supplies/Services) Project Title: "Maintenance, Applications, and Nuclear Assessment of NRC Computer Codes" Period of Performance: Base year and two (2) one-year option periods				
15G. TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRACT					

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CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 17 OR 18 AS APPLICABLE

17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRACTOR'S NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT (Contractor is required to sign this document and return <u>3</u> copies to issuing office.) Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all items or perform all the services set forth or otherwise identified above and on any continuation sheets for the consideration stated herein. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be subject to and governed by the following documents: (a) this award/contract, (b) the solicitation, if any, and (c) such provisions, representations, certifications, and specifications, as are attached or incorporated by reference herein. (Attachments are listed herein.)	18. <input type="checkbox"/> AWARD (Contractor is not required to sign this document.) Your offer on Solicitation Number _____, including the additions or changes made by you which additions or changes are set forth in full above, is hereby accepted as to the items listed above and on any continuation sheets. This award consummates the contract which consists of the following documents: (a) the Government's solicitation and your offer, and (b) this award/contract. No further contractual document is necessary.
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19A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) James F. Meyer, V.P.	20A. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER Mary Mage, Contracting Officer
19B. NAME OF CONTRACTOR BY <i>[Signature]</i>	20B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY <i>[Signature]</i> (Signature of Contracting Officer)
19C. DATE SIGNED 9/24/04	20C. DATE SIGNED 9/24/04

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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:

"Maintenance, Applications, and Nuclear Assessment of NRC Computer Codes."

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

(a) Brief description of work:

The Contractor shall provide code improvements, developmental assessment, and engineering analyses of NRC Computer Codes.

(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 for the Base Year under this contract is \$278,533. 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 for the Base Year under this contract is \$27,853.30.

(c) The Maximum Ordering Limitation (MOL) set above for the Base Year for products and services ordered, delivered and accepted under this contract may be increased by \$859,631 for Option Year 1. The Contracting Officer may place orders with the Contractor during Option Year 1 provided the aggregate amount of such orders does not exceed the new MOL.

(d) The guaranteed minimum under this contract for Option Year 1 will be \$85,963.10. This minimum amount will be added to the minimum for the Base Year to establish a cumulative contract minimum guarantee. The Government may satisfy this cumulative guaranteed minimum through sufficient obligations on task orders during the contract period.

(e) The Maximum Ordering Limitation (MOL) set above for the Base Year and Option Year 1 for products and services ordered, delivered and accepted under this contract may be increased by \$152,881 for Option Year 2. The Contracting Officer may place orders with the Contractor during Option Year 2 provided the aggregate amount of such orders does not exceed the new MOL.

(f) The guaranteed minimum under this contract for Option Year 2 will be \$15,288.10. This minimum amount will be added to the current cumulative guaranteed minimum. The Government may satisfy this new cumulative guaranteed minimum through sufficient obligations on task orders during the contract period.

(g) 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), has been developing the RELAP5 thermal-hydraulic (T/H) code for use in reactor safety analyses for improving the safety of nuclear power plants throughout the world for 25 years. In 1997, RES embarked on an ambitious plan to consolidate RELAP5 and several other T/H and neutronics codes. This code, called the TRAC/RELAP Advanced Computational Engine (TRACE), is currently being assessed.

The RELAP5/MOD3 and TRACE codes, in conjunction with a host of related codes which include SNAP, PARCS, SCDAP, RADTRAD, are being used to perform analyses of transients in operating reactors, analyses to support resolution of generic issues, evaluation of emergency procedures and accident management strategies, confirmation of licensee's analyses, testing of fidelity of NRC simulators, training exercises for NRC staff, and supporting analyses for the certification of advanced reactor designs.

RELAP5/MOD3 is a one-dimensional best estimate T/H code that is primarily used for small-break loss-of-coolant accidents (SBLOCA) and other transients. It is the NRC's primary analysis tool for thermal-hydraulic safety studies and probabilistic risk assessments of operating and advanced light water reactor designs. SNAP is a Graphic User Interface (GUI) package that facilitates input development, input processing, runtime monitoring and post-processing of calculated results. When completed, it will also provide the capability to convert RELAP5 input decks to those for the TRACE code. TRACE is an advanced T/H code into which TRAC-P, TRAC-B and RELAP5 codes are being consolidated. TRACE has the 3D capability to model the reactor core. PARCS is a reactor kinetics code and SCDAP calculates degraded core conditions. Both PARCS and SCDAP are coupled with a thermal-hydraulic code when performing respective calculations. RADTRAD is a reactor accident code that estimates offsite fission product releases. As a part of the T/H code program, NRC/RES is also maintaining a Data Bank that collects and archives T/H test data and code input decks.

The RELAP5 and related codes are made available to foreign users via the international Code Application and Maintenance Program (CAMP). The use of the codes by these organizations provides numerous calculations and assessments needed to validate and improve the code. The NRC also benefits from this exchange by receiving cash contributions from these organizations to defray some of the costs associated with the code development and conducting semi-annual international workshops to discuss issues related to these codes.

The codes are currently provided to U. S. users for a nominal fee which covers shipping and handling, and assistance in installation of the codes. Some users opt to join the Users Support Group and pay an annual membership fee. For the additional fee, the members receive consultation over the telephone on possible

problems encountered in the use of the codes. Members of the CAMP and the Users Support Group are also given a priority consideration for participation in code workshops which are provided from time to time.

Both domestic users and CAMP members continue to assess the codes against Reactor operational and/or experimental data. As a result of these comparisons and through use of the codes for plant safety assessment, many changes to the codes are suggested each year. When sufficient changes have been made to the codes, they are frozen for a suitable period and released, providing the users with an unchanging code which can be assessed.

C.2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this contract is to provide code improvements, developmental assessment, and engineering analyses of NRC Computer Codes, on an as needed basis. Work will be defined by individual Task Orders. Previous work of this type included: PTS analysis, RADTRAD Enhancements and Improvements, BWR Synergy, AP1000 Analysis, and TRACE Code Consolidation Developmental Assessment among others.

C.3 SCOPE OF WORK

The contractor shall perform code improvements/upgrading, technical studies, and provide support related to maintained NRC Computer Codes. The contractor shall correct reported code errors other than coding bugs, implement user requested code changes/improvements, user convenience features, and updates of code documentation. Code changes shall be performed in strict adherence to ANSI standards so as to assure code portability, code accuracy by quality assurance testing, documentation of code improvements, and code integrity by traceability procedures. During the execution of code improvements, adequate measures shall be taken to ensure the integrity of the code through accepted software quality assurance (QA) procedures. These are spelled out in NUREG-1737, "Software Quality Assurance Procedures for NRC Thermal Hydraulic Codes." These functions will be accomplished through the issuance of task orders.

The NRC may issue task orders for work in the following areas:

1. Perform engineering analyses of user-reported errors and document those analyses, the safety significance of the problem and their priority as specified in task orders issued by the NRC Contracting Officer. Those errors of safety significance and low cost will be given the highest priority with those of small safety significance given a low priority. Conduct all code configuration controls according to applicable IEEE quality assurance standards or comparable standards. Copies of these standards shall be provided to the NRC upon request. Define QA for error corrections and code improvements and submit reports, as requested by NRC, describing these procedures.
2. Code improvements and improvements in user convenience features shall be required throughout the contract period. These cannot be defined in advance, however. Code deficiencies will be identified, from

- time to time, by NRC, its contractors, CAMP members or other users. The NRC will issue task orders as needed when it decides which improvements to pursue.
3. Code improvements that take advantage of advances in computer capabilities, and new experimental and assessment results shall be evaluated and recommendation made to the NRC concerning their implementation including schedule and cost. The NRC will issue task orders as needed when it decides which improvements to pursue.
 4. Maintain and improve the auto-DA process for developmentally assessing the code against new experimental data and/or when modifications are made to the codes. The assessment data base shall be reviewed and expanded with applicable test cases as appropriate.
 5. Prior to release of a new version of the code, the contractor shall developmentally assess it using a wide range of test cases, with particular attention to cases that test the acceptability of model changes made since the last released version, to assure that error corrections/improvements in one area do not degrade the code performance in other areas. This assessment shall be documented with an evaluation of each assessment case as well as a comparison of standard assessment cases for the current and prior versions of the code. The developmental assessment comparisons shall ensure that each new version of the code has gone through all previous developmental assessments.
 6. The contractor shall have new versions of codes tested by independent organizations. The contractor shall receive approval from the NRC Project Officer prior to sending new versions of a code to an organization to be tested.
 7. Existing code manuals shall be maintained and updated when there are improvements or error corrections and made current with release of a new version of the code. The manuals shall be maintained in an electronic format as well as submitted to the NRC Project Officer for publication as NUREG/CR reports.
 8. Perform specific technical studies and provide technical support related to the maintained codes as requested by the NRC via task orders.
 9. When requested by the NRC, develop input models to address issues that may arise from the NRC review of advanced reactor designs and generic or safety issues related to operating reactors

C.4 TECHNICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

The NRC shall provide the contractor with the codes. The contractor shall provide the necessary personnel, facilities and equipment to perform the requirements of the Statement of Work.

This contract requires computer programmers/thermal-hydraulic engineers who are skilled in various versions of TRACE, RELAP5/MOD3, SNAP, PARCS, SCDAP, RADTRAD, PYGI, AcGrace (formerly Xmgr5), the automated development assessment (Auto-DA) script and the Data Bank (all are referred to as "the codes" hereinafter), and analysts who have experience and knowledge of thermal-hydraulic and reactor physics principles, numerical methods and modeling for both transient and accident analyses of both operating and advanced PWRs and BWRs. In addition, computer capabilities to perform code development, validation, and assessment are required. The engineers should have had experience performing the specific tasks detailed in each Task Order SOW. The NRC will rely on representations made by the contractor concerning the qualifications of the personnel assigned to the task order including assurance that all information contained in the technical and cost proposal, including resumes, is accurate and truthful.

Finally, there must also be diversity in the computer hardware availability and software capabilities to match systems used by most of the users (i.e., SUN, HP, IBM, SGI, DEC, PC/Windows).

The use of key personnel and any proposed change to key personnel on this contract is subject to the NRC Project Manager's approval. This includes proposed use of principal persons (i.e., key contributors) during the life of the contract.

If any work will be subcontracted or performed by consultants, the contractor shall obtain the NRC Project Manager's written approval of the subcontractor or the consultant prior to initiation of the subcontract effort. Conflict of interest considerations shall apply to any subcontracted effort.

C.5 MEETINGS AND TRAVEL

Two (2) trips to Washington, DC each year for two (2) staff for two (2) days to participate in ACRS meetings, dates to be determined.

One (1) trip to Washington, DC for one (1) staff for program review, date to be determined.

C.6 NRC FURNISHED MATERIALS

Proprietary input decks and reports, if necessary and available, will be provided.

C.7 CONTRACTOR ACQUIRED EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY

The Contractor may purchase, upon the NRC Contracting Officer's approval, high performance workstations, and/or upgrade or replace existing computer hardware as needed during the period of the contract to assure that the codes properly utilize state-of-the-art workstation capabilities and to maintain compatibility with the workstations used by NRC, its contractors and CAMP members (i.e., UNIX). Identification of upgrade and/or replacement hardware shall be presented to the NRC Contracting Officer

and Project Officer and purchases made only after prior written approval of the NRC Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall provide a written request each year to the NRC Contracting Officer and Project Officer as to the equipment and/or any upgrades required for the performance.

C.8 QUALITY ASSURANCE

Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-554) directs the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue government-wide guidelines (FR Vol. 67, No. 36, pp. 8452-8460) that "provide policy and procedural guidance to federal agencies for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information (including statistical information) disseminated by federal agencies." NRC Information Quality Guidelines are provided in FR Vol. 67, No. 190, pp. 61695-61699.

The Contractor shall cite contractor quality assurance procedures used in the conduct of this work that provide for compliance with OMB and NRC guidelines.

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.

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.

NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
52.246-9	FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1) INSPECTION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHORT FORM)	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.

SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE**F.1 NOTICE LISTING CONTRACT CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

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NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
	FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1)	
52.242-15	STOP-WORK ORDER ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)	AUG 1989
52.247-34	F.O.B. DESTINATION	NOV 1991
52.247-48	F.O.B. DESTINATION--EVIDENCE OF SHIPMENT	FEB 1999

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 2052.211-71 TECHNICAL PROGRESS REPORT (JAN 1993)

The contractor shall provide a monthly Technical Progress Report 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, appropriate financial tracking code specified by the NRC Project Officer, project manager and/or principal investigator, the contract period of performance, and the period covered by the report. Each report must include the following for each discrete task/task order:

- (a) A listing of the efforts completed during the period, and milestones reached or, if missed, an explanation provided;
- (b) Any problems or delays encountered or anticipated 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 2052.211-72 FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT (OCT 1999)

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 contract number, the appropriate financial tracking code (e.g., Job Code Number or JCN) specified by the NRC Project Officer, project manager and/or principal investigator, the contract period of performance, and the period covered by the report. Each report must include the following for each discrete task:

- (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 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.

F.5 PLACE OF DELIVERY--REPORTS (JUN 1988)

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

(a) Project Officer (2 copies)

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Michael B. Rubin
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness
11545 Rockville Pike, M/S: T-10K8
Rockville, MD 20555

(b) Contracting Officer (1 copy)

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Mary Mace
Office of Administration
Division of Contracts
11545 Rockville Pike, M/S: T-7-I-2
Rockville, MD 20555

F.6 DURATION OF CONTRACT PERIOD (MAR 1987) ALTERNATE 4 (JUN 1988)

The ordering period for this contract shall commence on the effective date of the contract and will expire in one (1) year. 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.) The term of this contract may be extended at the option of the Government for an additional two (2) one-year option periods.

SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1 PROJECT OFFICER AUTHORITY (FEB 2004)

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

Name: Michael B. Rubin

Address: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Reg. Research
11545 Rockville Pike, T-7-I-2
Rockville, MD 20555

Telephone Number: (301) 415-6769

(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 (SOW) or changes to specific travel identified in the SOW), fills in details, or otherwise serves to accomplish the contractual SOW.

(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.

(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 Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security (SB/DFS) (via e-mail) when a contractor employee no longer requires access authorization and return of any NRC issued badge to SB/DFS within three days after their termination.
- (6) Ensure that all contractor employees that require access to classified Restricted Data or National Security Information or matter, access to sensitive unclassified information (Safeguards, Official Use Only, and Proprietary information) access to sensitive IT systems or data, unescorted access to NRC controlled buildings/space, or unescorted access to protected and vital areas of nuclear power plants receive approval of SB/DFS prior to access in accordance with Management Directive and Handbook 12.3.

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.

G.3 2052.216-71 INDIRECT COST RATES (JAN 1993)

(a) Pending the establishment of final indirect rates which must be negotiated based on audit of actual costs, the contractor shall be reimbursed for allowable indirect costs as follows:

INDIRECT COST POOL	RATE	PERIOD
Labor Overhead	[REDACTED]	2004-2007
Subcontract Overhead	[REDACTED]	2004-2007
General and Adm. Exp. (ISL Labor and ODC and Subcontract)	[REDACTED]	2004-2007

(b) The contracting officer may adjust these rates as appropriate during the term of the contract upon acceptance of any revisions proposed by the contractor. It is the contractor's responsibility to notify the contracting officer in accordance with FAR 52.232-20, Limitation of Cost, or FAR 52.232-22, Limitation of Funds, as applicable, if these changes affect performance of work within the established cost or funding limitations.

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 TORP indicates 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.

(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.

SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 BADGE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNESCORTED BUILDING ACCESS TO NRC Facilities (FEB 2004)

During the life of this contract, the rights of ingress and egress for contractor personnel must be made available, as required, provided that the individual has been approved for unescorted access after a favorable adjudication from the Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security (SB/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 NRC. The Project Officer shall assist the contractor in obtaining badges for the contractor personnel. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor to ensure that each employee has a proper NRC-issued identification/badge at all times. All photo-identification badges must be immediately (no later than three days) delivered to SB/DFS for cancellation or disposition upon the termination of employment of any contractor personnel. Contractor personnel must display any NRC issued badge in clear view at all times during on site performance under this contract. It is the contractor's duty to assure that contractor personnel enter only those work areas necessary for performance of contract work, and to assure the protection of any Government records or data that contractor personnel may come into contact with.

H.2 2052.209-72 CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (JAN 1993)

(a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this clause is to aid in ensuring that the contractor:

(1) Is not placed in a conflicting role because of current or planned interests (financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise) which relate to the work under this contract; and

(2) Does not obtain an unfair competitive advantage over other parties by virtue of its performance of this contract.

(b) Scope. The restrictions described apply to performance or participation by the contractor, as defined in 48 CFR 2009.570-2 in the activities covered by this clause.

(c) Work for others.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, during the term of this contract, the contractor agrees to forego entering into consulting or other contractual arrangements with any firm or organization the result of which may give rise to a conflict of interest with respect to the work being performed under this contract. The contractor shall ensure that all employees under this contract abide by the provision of this clause. If the contractor has reason to believe, with respect to itself or any employee, that any proposed consultant or other contractual arrangement with any firm or organization may involve a potential conflict of interest, the contractor shall obtain the written approval of the contracting officer before the execution of such contractual arrangement.

(2) The contractor may not represent, assist, or otherwise support an NRC licensee or applicant undergoing an NRC audit, inspection, or review where the activities that are the subject of the audit, inspection, or review are the same as or substantially similar to the services within the scope of this contract (or task order as appropriate) except where the NRC licensee or applicant requires the contractor's support to explain or defend the contractor's prior work for the utility or other entity which NRC questions.

(3) When the contractor performs work for the NRC under this contract at any NRC licensee or applicant site, the contractor shall neither solicit nor perform work in the same or similar technical area for that licensee or applicant organization for a period commencing with the award of the task order or beginning of work on the site (if not a task order contract) and ending one year after completion of all work under the associated task order, or last time at the site (if not a task order contract).

(4) When the contractor performs work for the NRC under this contract at any NRC licensee or applicant site,

(i) The contractor may not solicit work at that site for that licensee or applicant during the period of performance of the task order or the contract, as appropriate.

(ii) The contractor may not perform work at that site for that licensee or applicant during the period of performance of the task order or the contract, as appropriate, and for one year thereafter.

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contracting officer may authorize the contractor to solicit or perform this type of work (except work in the same or similar technical area) if the contracting officer determines that the situation will not pose a potential for technical bias or unfair competitive advantage.

(d) Disclosure after award.

(1) The contractor warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise set forth in this contract, that it does not have any organizational conflicts of interest as defined in 48 CFR 2009.570-2.

(2) The contractor agrees that if, after award, it discovers organizational conflicts of interest with respect to this contract, it shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the contracting officer. This statement must include a description of the action which the contractor has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. The NRC may, however, terminate the contract if termination is in the best interest of the Government.

(3) It is recognized that the scope of work of a task-order-type contract necessarily encompasses a broad spectrum of activities. Consequently, if this is a task-order-type contract, the contractor agrees that it will disclose all proposed new work involving NRC licensees or applicants which comes within the scope of work of the underlying contract. Further, if this contract involves work at a licensee or applicant site, the contractor agrees to exercise diligence to discover and disclose any new work at that licensee or applicant site. This disclosure must be made before the submission of a bid or proposal to the utility or other regulated entity and must be received by the NRC at least 15 days before the proposed award date in any event, unless a written justification demonstrating urgency and due diligence to discover and disclose is provided by the contractor and approved by the contracting officer. The disclosure must include the statement of work, the dollar value of the proposed contract, and any other documents that are needed to fully describe the proposed work for the regulated utility or other regulated entity. NRC may deny approval of the disclosed work only when the NRC has issued a task order which includes the technical area and, if site-specific, the site, or has plans to issue a task order which includes the technical area and, if site-specific, the site, or when the work violates paragraphs (c)(2), (c)(3) or (c)(4) of this section.

(e) Access to and use of information.

(1) If in the performance of this contract, the contractor obtains access to information, such as NRC plans, policies, reports, studies, financial plans, internal data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a (1988)), or the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. Section 552 (1986)), the contractor agrees not to:

(i) Use this information for any private purpose until the information has been released to the public;

(ii) Compete for work for the Commission based on the information for a period of six months after either the completion of this contract or the release of the information to the public, whichever is first;

(iii) Submit an unsolicited proposal to the Government based on the information until one year after the release of the information to the public; or

(iv) Release the information without prior written approval by the contracting officer unless the information has previously been released to the public by the NRC.

(2) In addition, the contractor agrees that, to the extent it receives or is given access to proprietary data, data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a (1988)), or the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. Section 552 (1986)), or other confidential or privileged technical, business, or financial information under this contract, the contractor shall treat the information in accordance with restrictions placed on use of the information.

(3) Subject to patent and security provisions of this contract, the contractor shall have the right to use technical data it produces under this contract for private purposes provided that all requirements of this contract have been met.

(f) Subcontracts. Except as provided in 48 CFR 2009.570-2, the contractor shall include this clause, including this paragraph, in subcontracts of any tier. The terms contract, contractor, and contracting officer, must be appropriately modified to preserve the Government's rights.

(g) Remedies. For breach of any of the above restrictions, or for intentional nondisclosure or misrepresentation of any relevant interest required to be disclosed concerning this contract or for such erroneous representations that necessarily imply bad faith, the Government may terminate the contract for default, disqualify the contractor from subsequent contractual efforts, and pursue other remedies permitted by law or this contract.

(h) Waiver. A request for waiver under this clause must be directed in writing to the contracting officer in accordance with the procedures outlined in 48 CFR 2009.570-9.

(i) Follow-on effort. The contractor shall be ineligible to participate in NRC contracts, subcontracts, or proposals therefor (solicited or unsolicited), which stem directly from the contractor's performance of work under this contract. Furthermore, unless so directed in writing by the contracting officer, the contractor may not perform any technical consulting or management support services work or evaluation activities under this contract on any of its products or services or the products or services of another firm if the contractor has been substantially involved in the development or marketing of the products or services.

(1) If the contractor, under this contract, prepares a complete or essentially complete statement of work or specifications, the contractor is not eligible to perform or participate in the initial contractual effort which is based on the statement of work or specifications. The contractor may not incorporate its products or services in the statement of work or

specifications unless so directed in writing by the contracting officer, in which case the restrictions in this paragraph do not apply.

(2) Nothing in this paragraph precludes the contractor from offering or selling its standard commercial items to the Government.

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:

W. Arcieri
D. Barber
R. Beaton
D. Fletcher
V. Palazov
R. Shumway

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 concurrence 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 2052.235-70 PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS (OCT 1999)

(a) The principal investigator(s)/contractor shall comply with the provisions of NRC Management Directive 3.8 (Vol. 3, Part 1) and NRC Handbook 3.8 (Parts I-IV) regarding publication in refereed scientific and engineering journals or dissemination to the public of any information, oral or written, concerning the work performed under this contract. Failure to comply with this clause shall be grounds for termination of this contract.

(b) The principal investigator(s)/contractor may publish the results of this work in refereed scientific and engineering journals or in open literature and present papers at public or association meetings at interim stages of work, in addition to submitting to NRC the final reports and other deliverables required under this contract. However, such publication and papers shall focus on advances in science and technology and minimize conclusions and/or recommendations which may have regulatory implications.

(c) The principal investigator(s) shall coordinate all such publications with, and transmit a copy of the proposed article or paper to, the NRC Contracting Officer or Project Officer, prior to publication. The NRC agrees to review and provide comments within thirty (30) days after receipt of a proposed publication. However, in those cases where the information to be published is (1) subject to Commission approval, (2) has not been ruled upon, or (3) disapproved by the Commission, the NRC reserves the right to disapprove or delay the publication. Further, if the NRC disagrees with the proposed publication for any reason, it reserves the right to require that any publication not identify the NRC's sponsorship of the work and that any associated publication costs shall be borne by the contractor.

H.5 COPYRIGHT OF CODES - SPECIAL NUCLEAR PURPOSE LICENSE

(a) The NRC may, pursuant to Section (c) of FAR Clause 52-227-14, direct the contractor to claim a copyright in computer software and associated data first produced in the performance of this contract. In addition to the general government license rights identified in Section (c) of the FAR Clause 52-227-14, such copyright shall be subject to the following Special Nuclear Purpose License rights:

In addition to the license rights granted the government under paragraph (c) of Section I of the contract, 52-227-14 RIGHTS IN DATA-GENERAL (JUN 1987), the contractor grants the NRC and others acting on its behalf an exclusive, paid up, worldwide, irrevocable license to distribute the code for nuclear health and safety purposes, which may include analyses of operational, decommissioned, or designs of nuclear reactor systems and other such facilities involving nuclear technology performed by parties which may include but are not limited to licensees, vendors, contractors,

educational institutions, public interest groups, participants in NRC international agreement programs and other government agencies. Further, consistent with NRCAR 2052.209-73 CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, the contractor agrees that it will not sell or distribute the code to or for the use of such parties or participants and that it will not provide technical services relating to the code to such parties or participants, unless authorized by NRC. In addition, NRC retains the right to improvements made to the code resulting from the contractor's commercial activity that the NRC contracting officer determines are of use for nuclear health and safety purposes. Further, the contractor agrees to include in any licensing agreement that it may enter into with a third party such limitations as are necessary to preserve the rights of the government, and limit the sale and distribution of the software as described above and as limited by the U.S. Departments of Commerce and State concerning foreign sales.

(b) The NRC reserves the right to direct the contractor to transfer the copyright in codes and associated data developed under this contract to successor contractors subject to the above general government and special license rights. Should NRC determine that it is in the government's interest to have NRC staff perform the software development and maintenance work required under this contract, the contractor agrees to maintain the copyright subject to the above general government and special license rights.

H.6 PROPRIETARY DATA AND SENSITIVE UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION

In connection with performance of work under this contract, the contractor may be furnished or may develop or acquire proprietary data (trade secrets) or confidential or privileged technical, business or financial information, including Commission plans, policies, reports, financial plans, internal data protected by the Privacy Act (P.L. 93-579) or other information which has not been released to the public or has been determined by the Commission to be otherwise exempt from disclosure to the public.

The contractor agrees to hold such information in confidence and not directly or indirectly duplicate, disseminate, or disclose such information in whole or in part to any other person or organization except as may be necessary to perform the work under this contract. The contractor agrees to return such information to the Commission or otherwise dispose of it, either as the Contracting Officer may from time to time direct during the progress of the work, or in any event, as the Contracting Officer shall direct upon completion or termination of this contract. Failure to comply with this clause shall be grounds for termination of this contract.

Prior to the provision of any proprietary information, the contractor's employees and employees of any subcontractor

who will have access to such information shall execute and be bound by a formal, written non-disclosure agreement.

H.7 2052.235-71 SAFETY, HEALTH, AND FIRE PROTECTION (JAN 1993)

The contractor shall take all reasonable precautions in the performance of the work under this contract to protect the health and safety of its employees and of members of the public, including NRC employees and contractor personnel, and to minimize danger from all hazards to life and property. The contractor shall comply with all applicable health, safety, and fire protection regulations and requirements (including reporting requirements) of the Commission and the Department of Labor. If the contractor fails to comply with these regulations or requirements, the contracting office may, without prejudice to any other legal or contractual rights of the Commission, issue an order stopping all or any part of the work. Thereafter, a start work order for resumption of work may be issued at the discretion of the contracting officer. The contractor may not make a claim for an extension of time or for compensation or damages by reason of, or in connection with, this type of work stoppage.

H.8 52.232-18 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS (APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for this contract. The Government's obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for this contract and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

H.9 52.232-19 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond 11/30/04. The Government's obligation for performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond 11/30/04, until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

H.10 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.

H.11 APPROPRIATE USE OF GOVERNMENT FURNISHED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) EQUIPMENT AND/ OR IT SERVICES/ ACCESS (MARCH 2002)

As part of contract performance the NRC may provide the contractor with information technology (IT) equipment and IT services or IT access as identified in the solicitation or subsequently as identified in the contract or delivery order. Government furnished IT equipment, or IT services, or IT access may include but is not limited to computers, copiers, facsimile machines, printers, pagers, software, phones, Internet access and use, and email access and use. The contractor (including the contractor's employees, consultants and subcontractors) shall use the government furnished IT equipment, and / or IT provided services, and/ or IT access solely to perform the necessary efforts required under the contract. The contractor (including the contractor's employees, consultants and subcontractors) are prohibited from engaging or using the government IT equipment and government provided IT services or IT access for any personal use, misuse, abuses or any other unauthorized usage.

The contractor is responsible for monitoring its employees, consultants and subcontractors to ensure that government furnished IT equipment and/ or IT services, and/ or IT access are not being used for personal use, misused or abused. The government reserves the right to withdraw or suspend the use of its government furnished IT equipment, IT services and/ or IT access arising from contractor personal usage, or misuse or abuse; and/ or to disallow any payments associated with contractor (including the contractor's employees, consultants and subcontractors) personal usage, misuses or abuses of IT equipment, IT services and/ or IT access; and/ or to terminate for cause the contract or delivery order arising from violation of this provision.

H.12 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESS APPROVAL (FEB 2004)

The proposer/contractor must identify all individuals and propose the level of Information Technology (IT) approval for each, using the following guidance. The NRC sponsoring office shall make the final determination of the level, if any, of IT approval required for all individuals working under this contract.

The Government shall have and exercise full and complete control over granting, denying, withholding, or terminating building access approvals for individuals performing work under this contract.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVEL I

Performance under this contract will involve prime contractor personnel, subcontractors or others who perform services requiring direct access to or operate agency sensitive information technology systems or data (IT Level I).

The IT Level I involves responsibility for the planning, direction, and implementation of a computer security program; major responsibility for the direction, planning, and design of a computer system, including hardware and software; or the capability to access a computer system during its operation or maintenance in such a way that could cause or that has a relatively high risk of causing grave damage; or the capability to realize a significant personal gain from computer access. Such contractor personnel shall be subject to the NRC contractor personnel security requirements of NRC Management Directive (MD) 12.3, Part I and will require a favorably adjudicated Limited Background Investigation (LBI).

A contractor employee shall not have access to sensitive information technology systems or data until he/she is approved by Security Branch, Division of Facilities and Security (SB/DFS). Temporary access may be approved based on a favorable adjudication of their security forms and checks. Final access will be approved based on a favorably adjudicated LBI in accordance with the procedures found in NRC MD 12.3, Part I. However, temporary access authorization approval will be revoked and the employee may subsequently be removed from the contract in the event the employee's investigation cannot be favorably adjudicated. Such employee will not be authorized to work under any NRC contract without the approval of SB/DFS. Timely receipt of properly completed security applications is a contract requirement. Failure of the contractor to comply with this condition within the ten work day period may be a basis to void the notice of selection. In that event, the Government may select another firm for award. When an individual receives final access, the individual will be subject to a reinvestigation every 10 years.

The contractor shall submit a completed security forms packet, including the SF-86, "Questionnaire for National Security Positions," and fingerprint charts, through the Project Officer to SB/DFS for review and favorable adjudication, prior to the individual performing work under this contract. The contractor shall assure that all forms are accurate, complete, and legible (except for Part 2 of the questionnaire, which is required to be completed in private and submitted by the individual to the contractor in a sealed envelope), as set forth in MD 12.3 which is incorporated into this contract by reference as though fully set forth herein. Based on SB review of the applicant's security forms and/or the receipt of adverse information by NRC, the individual may be denied access to NRC facilities, sensitive information technology systems or data until a final determination is made of his/her eligibility under the provisions of MD 12.3. Any questions regarding the individual's eligibility for IT Level I approval will be resolved in accordance with the due process procedures set forth in MD 12.3 and E. O. 12968.

In accordance with NRCAR 2052.204.70 "Security," IT Level I contractors shall be subject to the attached NRC Form 187 (See Section J for List of Attachments) which furnishes the basis for providing security requirements to prime contractors, subcontractors or others (e.g., bidders) who have or may have an NRC contractual relationship which requires access to or operation of agency sensitive information technology systems or remote development and/or analysis of sensitive information technology systems or data or other access to such

systems and data; access on a continuing basis (in excess of 30 days) to NRC Headquarters controlled buildings; or otherwise requires issuance of an NRC badge.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVEL II

Performance under this contract will involve contractor personnel that develop and/or analyze sensitive information technology systems or data or otherwise have access to such systems or data (IT Level II).

The IT Level II involves responsibility for the planning, design, operation, or maintenance of a computer system and all other computer or IT positions. Such contractor personnel shall be subject to the NRC contractor personnel requirements of MD 12.3, Part I, which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract as though fully set forth herein, and will require a favorably adjudicated Access National Agency Check with Inquiries (ANACI).

A contractor employee shall not have access to sensitive information technology systems or data until he/she is approved by SB/DFS. Temporary access may be approved based on a favorable review of their security forms and checks. Final access will be approved based on a favorably adjudicated ANACI in accordance with the procedures found in MD 12.3, Part I. However, temporary access authorization approval will be revoked and the employee may subsequently be removed from the contract in the event the employee's investigation cannot be favorably adjudicated. Such employee will not be authorized to work under any NRC contract without the approval of SB/DFS. Timely receipt of properly completed security applications is a contract requirement. Failure of the contractor to comply with this condition within the ten work day period may be a basis to void the notice of selection. In that event, the Government may select another firm for award. When an individual receives final access, the individual will be subject to a reinvestigation every 10 years.

The contractor shall submit a completed security forms packet, including the SF-86, "Questionnaire for National Security Positions," and fingerprint charts, through the Project Officer to the NRC SB/DFS for review and favorable adjudication, prior to the individual performing work under this contract. The contractor shall assure that all forms are accurate, complete, and legible (except for Part 2 of the questionnaire, which is required to be completed in private and submitted by the individual to the contractor in a sealed envelope), as set forth in MD 12.3. Based on SB review of the applicant's security forms and/or the receipt of adverse information by NRC, the individual may be denied access to NRC facilities, sensitive information technology systems or data until a final determination is made of his/her eligibility under the provisions of MD 12.3. Any questions regarding the individual's eligibility for IT Level II approval will be resolved in accordance with the due process procedures set forth in MD 12.3 and E.O. 12968.

In accordance with NRCAR 2052.204.70 "Security," IT Level II contractors shall be subject to the attached NRC Form 187 (See Section J for List of Attachments) which furnishes the basis for providing security requirements to prime contractors, subcontractors or others (e.g. bidders) who have or may have an NRC contractual relationship which requires access to or operation of agency sensitive information technology systems or remote development and/or analysis of sensitive information technology systems or data or other access to such

systems or data; access on a continuing basis (in excess of 30 days) to NRC Headquarters controlled buildings; or otherwise requires issuance of an NRC badge.

CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION OF IT ACCESS/REQUEST

When a request for investigation is to be withdrawn or canceled, the contractor shall immediately notify the Project Officer by telephone in order that he/she will immediately contact the SB/DFS so that the investigation may be promptly discontinued. The notification shall contain the full name of the individual, and the date of the request. Telephone notifications must be promptly confirmed in writing to the Project Officer who will forward the confirmation via email to the SB/DFS. Additionally, SB/DFS must be immediately notified when an individual no longer requires access to NRC sensitive automated information technology systems or data, including the voluntary or involuntary separation of employment of an individual who has been approved for or is being processed for access under the NRC "Personnel Security Program."

H.13 COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS

NRC contractors are responsible to ensure that their alien personnel are not in violation of United States Immigration and Naturalization (INS) laws and regulations, including employment authorization documents and visa requirements. Each alien employee of the Contractor must be lawfully admitted for permanent residence as evidenced by Alien Registration Receipt Card Form 1-151 or must present other evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Services that employment will not affect his/her immigration status. The INS Office of Business Liaison (OBL) provides information to contractors to help them understand the employment eligibility verification process for non-US citizens. This information can be found on the INS website, <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/services/employerinfo/index.htm#obl>.

The NRC reserves the right to deny or withdraw Contractor use or access to NRC facilities or its equipment/services, and/or take any number of contract administrative actions (e.g., disallow costs, terminate for cause) should the Contractor violate the Contractor's responsibility under this clause.

H.14 NRC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECURITY TRAINING (AUG 2003)

NRC contractors shall ensure that their employees, consultants, and subcontractors with access to the agency's information technology (IT) equipment and/or IT services complete NRC's online initial and refresher IT security training requirements to ensure that their knowledge of IT threats, vulnerabilities, and associated countermeasures remains current. Both the initial and refresher IT security training courses generally last an hour or less and can be taken during the employee's regularly scheduled work day.

Contractor employees, consultants, and subcontractors shall complete the NRC's online, "Computer Security Awareness" course on the same day that they receive access to the agency's IT equipment and/or services, as their first action using the equipment/service. For those contractor employees, consultants, and subcontractors who are already working under this contract, the on-line training must be completed in accordance with agency Network Announcements issued throughout the year 2003 within three weeks of issuance of this contract.

Contractor employees, consultants, and subcontractors who have been granted access to NRC information technology equipment and/or IT services must continue to take IT security refresher training offered online by the NRC throughout the term of the contract. Contractor employees will receive notice of NRC's online IT security refresher training requirements through agency-wide notices.

The NRC reserves the right to deny or withdraw Contractor use or access to NRC IT equipment and/or services, and/or take other appropriate contract administrative action (e.g., disallow costs, terminate for cause) should be contractor violate the contractor's responsibility under this clause.

(End of Clause)

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52.219-16	LIQUIDATED DAMAGES-SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN	JAN 1999
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52.222-36	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES	JUN 1998
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52.222-38	COMPLIANCE WITH VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	DEC 2001
52.223-6	DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE	MAY 2001
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52.246-23	LIMITATION OF LIABILITY	FEB 1997	
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52.253-1	COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS	JAN 1991	

I.2 52.204-1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT (DEC 1989)

This contract is subject to the written approval of and shall not be binding until so approved.

I.3 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 contract effective date (Block 3 of the SF 26) through three (3) years after the contract effective date.

(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.4 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 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 .

**I.5 52.217-9 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT
(MAR 2000)**

(a) The Government may extend the term of this contract by written notice to the Contractor within sixty (60) days; provided that the Government gives the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least sixty (60) days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the Government to an extension.

(b) If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option clause.

(c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed five (5) years.

1.6 52.232-25 PROMPT PAYMENT (OCT 2003)

Notwithstanding any other payment clause in this contract, the Government will make invoice payments under the terms and conditions specified in this clause. The Government considers payment as being made on the day a check is dated or the date of an electronic funds transfer (EFT). Definitions of pertinent terms are set forth in sections 2.101, 32.001, and 32.902 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. All days referred to in this clause are calendar days, unless otherwise specified. (However, see paragraph (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 paragraphs (a)(2) and (c) of this clause, the due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office is the later of the following two events:

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

(B) The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed. For a final invoice, when the payment amount is subject to contract settlement actions, acceptance is deemed to occur 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 is the 30th day after the date of the Contractor's invoice, provided the designated billing office receives a proper invoice 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--

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(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 7th 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 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 paragraphs (a)(3)(i) through (a)(3)(x) of this clause. If the invoice does not comply with these requirements, the designated billing office will return it within 7 days after receipt (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), with the reasons why it is not a proper invoice. The Government will take into account untimely notification when computing any interest penalty owed the Contractor.

(i) Name and address of the Contractor.

(ii) Invoice date and invoice number. (The Contractor should 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, discount for prompt payment 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 notify in the event of a defective invoice.

(viii) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(ix) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.

(A) The Contractor shall include EFT banking information on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(B) If EFT banking information is not required to be on the invoice, in order for the invoice to be a proper invoice, the Contractor shall have submitted correct EFT banking information in accordance with the applicable solicitation provision (e.g., 52.232-38, Submission of Electronic Funds Transfer Information with Offer), contract clause (e.g., 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Central Contractor Registration, or 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Other Than Central Contractor Registration), or applicable agency procedures.

(C) EFT banking information is not required if the Government waived the requirement to pay by EFT.

(x) Any other information or documentation required by the contract (e.g., evidence of shipment).

(4) Interest penalty. The designated payment office will pay an interest penalty automatically, 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)(iii) of this clause are met, if applicable. However, when the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the

designated payment office may make payment on the following working day without incurring a late payment interest penalty.

(i) The designated billing office received a proper invoice.

(ii) The Government processed a receiving report or other Government documentation authorizing payment, 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 Government will compute the interest penalty in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(i) For the sole purpose of computing an interest penalty that might be due the Contractor, Government acceptance is deemed to occur constructively on the 7th day (unless otherwise specified in this contract) after the Contractor delivers the supplies or performs 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. If actual acceptance occurs within the constructive acceptance period, the Government will base the determination of an interest penalty 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 prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR 1315.10(c) do not require the Government to pay interest penalties if payment delays are 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. The Government and the Contractor shall resolve claims involving disputes and any interest that may be payable in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.233-1, Disputes.

(6) Discounts for prompt payment. The designated payment office will pay an interest penalty automatically, without request from the Contractor, if the Government takes a discount for prompt payment improperly. The Government will calculate the interest penalty in accordance with the prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(7) Additional interest penalty.

(i) The designated payment office will pay a penalty amount, calculated in accordance with the prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315 in addition to the interest penalty amount only if--

(A) The Government owes an interest penalty of \$1 or more;

(B) The designated payment office does not pay the interest penalty within 10 days after the date the invoice amount is paid; and

(C) The Contractor 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) The Contractor shall support written demands for additional penalty payments with the following data. The Government will not request any additional data. The Contractor 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 is due; and

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

(B) If there is no postmark or the postmark is illegible--

(1) The designated payment office that receives the demand will annotate it with the date of receipt, provided the demand is received on or before the 40th day after payment was made; or

(2) If the designated payment office fails to make the required annotation, the Government will determine the demand's validity based on the date the Contractor has placed on the demand, provided such date is no later than the 40th day after payment was made.

(iii) 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 payment. If this contract provides for contract financing, the Government will make contract financing payments in accordance with the applicable contract financing clause.

(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.

(d) Overpayments. If the Contractor becomes aware of a duplicate contract financing or invoice payment or that the Government has otherwise overpaid on a contract financing or invoice payment, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer and request instructions for disposition of the overpayment.

I.7 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):

www.ARNET.gov/FAR

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Subpart 2009.5 - Organizational Conflicts of Interest

§2009.500 Scope of subpart.

In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 2210a., NRC acquisitions are processed in accordance with §2009.570, which takes precedence over FAR 9.5 with respect to organizational conflicts of interest. Where non-conflicting guidance appears in FAR 9.5, that guidance must be followed.

§2009.570 NRC organizational conflicts of interest.

§2009.570-1 Scope of policy.

(a) It is the policy of NRC to avoid, eliminate, or neutralize contractor organizational conflicts of interest. The NRC achieves this objective by requiring all prospective contractors to submit information describing relationships, if any, with organizations or persons (including those regulated by the NRC) which may give rise to actual or potential conflicts of interest in the event of contract award.

(b) Contractor conflict of interest determinations cannot be made automatically or routinely. The application of sound judgment on virtually a case-by-case basis is necessary if the policy is to be applied to satisfy the overall public interest. It is not possible to prescribe in advance a specific method or set of criteria which would serve to identify and resolve all of the contractor conflict of interest situations that might arise. However, examples are provided in these regulations to guide application of this policy guidance. The ultimate test is as follows: Might the contractor, if awarded the contract, be placed in a position where its judgment may be biased, or where it may have an unfair competitive advantage?

(c) The conflict of interest rule contained in this subpart applies to contractors and offerors only. Individuals or firms who have other relationships with the NRC (e.g., parties to a licensing proceeding) are not covered by this regulation. This rule does not apply to the acquisition of consulting services through the personnel appointment process, NRC agreements with other Government agencies, international organizations, or state, local, or foreign Governments. Separate procedures for avoiding conflicts of interest will be employed in these agreements, as appropriate.

§2009.570-2 Definitions.

Affiliates means business concerns which are affiliates of each other when either directly or indirectly one concern or individual controls or has the power to control another, or when a third party controls or has the power to control both.

Contract means any contractual agreement or other arrangement with the NRC except as provided in §2009.570-1(c).

Contractor means any person, firm, unincorporated association, joint venture, co-sponsor, partnership, corporation, affiliates thereof, or their successors in interest, including their chief executives,

directors, key personnel (identified in the contract), proposed consultants or subcontractors, which are a party to a contract with the NRC.

Evaluation activities means any effort involving the appraisal of a technology, process, product, or policy.

Offeror or prospective contractor means any person, firm, unincorporated association, joint venture, co-sponsor, partnership, corporation, or their affiliates or successors in interest, including their chief executives, directors, key personnel, proposed consultants, or subcontractors, submitting a bid or proposal, solicited or unsolicited, to the NRC to obtain a contract.

Organizational conflicts of interest means that a relationship exists whereby a contractor or prospective contractor has present or planned interests related to the work to be performed under an NRC contract which:

- (1) May diminish its capacity to give impartial, technically sound, objective assistance and advice, or may otherwise result in a biased work product; or
- (2) May result in its being given an unfair competitive advantage.

Potential conflict of interest means that a factual situation exists that suggests that an actual conflict of interest may arise from award of a proposed contract. The term potential conflict of interest is used to signify those situations that-

- (1) Merit investigation before contract award to ascertain whether award would give rise to an actual conflict; or
- (2) Must be reported to the contracting officer for investigation if they arise during contract performance.

Research means any scientific or technical work involving theoretical analysis, exploration, or experimentation.

Subcontractor means any subcontractor of any tier who performs work under a contract with the NRC except subcontracts for supplies and subcontracts in amounts not exceeding \$10,000.

Technical consulting and management support services means internal assistance to a component of the NRC in the formulation or administration of its programs, projects, or policies which normally require that the contractor be given access to proprietary information or to information that has not been made available to the public. These services typically include assistance in the preparation of program plans, preliminary designs, specifications, or statements of work.

§2009.570-3 Criteria for recognizing contractor organizational conflicts of interest.

(a) General.

- (1) Two questions will be asked in determining whether actual or potential organizational conflicts of interest exist:

(i) Are there conflicting roles which might bias an offeror's or contractor's judgment in relation to its work for the NRC?

(ii) May the offeror or contractor be given an unfair competitive advantage based on the performance of the contract?

(2) NRC's ultimate determination that organizational conflicts of interest exist will be made in light of common sense and good business judgment based upon the relevant facts. While it is difficult to identify and to prescribe in advance a specific method for avoiding all of the various situations or relationships that might involve potential organizational conflicts of interest, NRC personnel will pay particular attention to proposed contractual requirements that call for the rendering of advice, consultation or evaluation activities, or similar activities that directly lay the groundwork for the NRC's decisions on regulatory activities, future procurements, and research programs. Any work performed at an applicant or licensee site will also be closely scrutinized by the NRC staff.

(b) Situations or relationships. The following situations or relationships may give rise to organizational conflicts of interest:

(1) The offeror or contractor shall disclose information that may give rise to organizational conflicts of interest under the following circumstances. The information may include the scope of work or specification for the requirement being performed, the period of performance, and the name and telephone number for a point of contact at the organization knowledgeable about the commercial contract.

(i) Where the offeror or contractor provides advice and recommendations to the NRC in the same technical area where it is also providing consulting assistance to any organization regulated by the NRC.

(ii) Where the offeror or contractor provides advice to the NRC on the same or similar matter on which it is also providing assistance to any organization regulated by the NRC.

(iii) Where the offeror or contractor evaluates its own products or services, or has been substantially involved in the development or marketing of the products or services of another entity.

(iv) Where the award of a contract would result in placing the offeror or contractor in a conflicting role in which its judgment may be biased in relation to its work for the NRC, or would result in an unfair competitive advantage for the offeror or contractor.

(v) Where the offeror or contractor solicits or performs work at an applicant or licensee site while performing work in the same technical area for the NRC at the same site.

(2) The contracting officer may request specific information from an offeror or contractor or may require special contract clauses such as provided in §2009.570-5(b) in the following circumstances:

(i) Where the offeror or contractor prepares specifications that are to be used in competitive procurements of products or services covered by the specifications.

(ii) Where the offeror or contractor prepares plans for specific approaches or methodologies that are to be incorporated into competitive procurements using the approaches or methodologies.

(iii) Where the offeror or contractor is granted access to information not available to the public concerning NRC plans, policies, or programs that could form the basis for a later procurement action.

(iv) Where the offeror or contractor is granted access to proprietary information of its competitors.

(v) Where the award of a contract might result in placing the offeror or contractor in a conflicting role in which its judgment may be biased in relation to its work for the NRC or might result in an unfair competitive advantage for the offeror or contractor.

(c) Policy application guidance. The following examples are illustrative only and are not intended to identify and resolve all contractor organizational conflict of interest situations.

(1)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to a Request For Proposal (RFP), proposes to undertake certain analyses of a reactor component as called for in the RFP. The ABC Corp. is one of several companies considered to be technically well qualified. In response to the inquiry in the RFP, the ABC Corp. advises that it is currently performing similar analyses for the reactor manufacturer.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract for that particular work normally would not be awarded to the ABC Corp. because the company would be placed in a position in which its judgment could be biased in relationship to its work for the NRC. Because there are other well-qualified companies available, there would be no reason for considering a waiver of the policy.

(2)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to an RFP, proposes to perform certain analyses of a reactor component that is unique to one type of advanced reactor. As is the case with other technically qualified companies responding to the RFP, the ABC Corp. is performing various projects for several different utility clients. None of the ABC Corp. projects have any relationship to the work called for in the RFP. Based on the NRC evaluation, the ABC Corp. is considered to be the best qualified company to perform the work outlined in the RFP.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract normally could be awarded to the ABC Corp. because no conflict of interest exists which could motivate bias with respect to the work. An appropriate clause would be included in the contract to preclude the ABC Corp. from subsequently contracting for work with the private sector that could create a conflict during the performance of the NRC contract. For example, ABC Corp. would be precluded from the performance of similar work for the company developing the advanced reactor mentioned in the example.

(3)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to a competitive RFP, submits a proposal to assist the NRC in revising NRC's guidance documents on the respiratory protection requirements of 10 CFR Part 20. ABC Corp. is the only firm determined to be technically acceptable. ABC Corp. has performed substantial work for regulated utilities in the past and is expected to continue similar efforts in the future. The work has and will cover the writing, implementation, and administration of compliance respiratory protection programs for nuclear power plants.

(ii) Guidance. This situation would place the firm in a role where its judgment could be biased in relationship to its work for the NRC. Because the nature of the required work is vitally important in terms of the NRC's responsibilities and no reasonable alternative exists, a waiver of the policy, in accordance with §2009.570-9 may be warranted. Any waiver must be fully

documented in accordance with the waiver provisions of this policy with particular attention to the establishment of protective mechanisms to guard against bias.

(4)(i) Example. The ABC Corp. submits a proposal for a new system to evaluate a specific reactor component's performance for the purpose of developing standards that are important to the NRC program. The ABC Corp. has advised the NRC that it intends to sell the new system to industry once its practicability has been demonstrated. Other companies in this business are using older systems for evaluation of the specific reactor component.

(ii) Guidance. A contract could be awarded to the ABC Corp. if the contract stipulates that no information produced under the contract will be used in the contractor's private activities unless this information has been reported to the NRC. Data on how the reactor component performs, which is reported to the NRC by contractors, will normally be disseminated by the NRC to others to preclude an unfair competitive advantage. When the NRC furnishes information about the reactor component to the contractor for the performance of contracted work, the information may not be used in the contractor's private activities unless the information is generally available to others. Further, the contract will stipulate that the contractor will inform the NRC contracting officer of all situations in which the information, developed about the performance of the reactor component under the contract, is proposed to be used.

(5)(i) Example. The ABC Corp., in response to a RFP, proposes to assemble a map showing certain seismological features of the Appalachian fold belt. In accordance with the representation in the RFP and §2009.570-3(b)(1)(i), ABC Corp. informs the NRC that it is presently doing seismological studies for several utilities in the eastern United States, but none of the sites are within the geographic area contemplated by the NRC study.

(ii) Guidance. The contracting officer would normally conclude that award of a contract would not place ABC Corp. in a conflicting role where its judgment might be biased. Section 2052.209-72(c) Work for Others, would preclude ABC Corp. from accepting work which could create a conflict of interest during the term of the NRC contract.

(6)(i) Example. AD Division of ABC Corp., in response to a RFP, submits a proposal to assist the NRC in the safety and environmental review of applications for licenses for the construction, operation, and decommissioning of fuel cycle facilities. ABC Corp. is divided into two separate and distinct divisions, AD and BC. The BC Division performs the same or similar services for industry. The BC Division is currently providing the same or similar services required under the NRC's contract for an applicant or licensee.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract for that particular work would not be awarded to the ABC Corp. The AD Division could be placed in a position to pass judgment on work performed by the BC Division, which could bias its work for NRC. Further, the Conflict of Interest provisions apply to ABC Corp. and not to separate or distinct divisions within the company. If no reasonable alternative exists, a waiver of the policy could be sought in accordance with §2009.570-9.

(7)(i) Example. The ABC Corp. completes an analysis for NRC of steam generator tube leaks at one of a utility's six sites. Three months later, ABC Corp. is asked by this utility to perform the same analysis at another of its sites.

(ii) Guidance. Section 2052.290-72(c)(3) would prohibit the contractor from beginning this work for the utility until one year after completion of the NRC work at the first site.

(8)(i) Example. ABC Corp. is assisting NRC in a major on-site analysis of a utility's redesign of the common areas between its twin reactors. The contract is for two years with an estimated value of \$5 million. Near the completion of the NRC work, ABC Corp. requests authority to solicit for a \$100K contract with the same utility to transport spent fuel to a disposal site. ABC Corp. is performing no other work for the utility.

(ii) Guidance. The Contracting Officer would allow the contractor to proceed with the solicitation because it is not in the same technical area as the NRC work; and the potential for technical bias by the contractor because of financial ties to the utility is slight due to the relative value of the two contracts.

(9)(i) Example. The ABC Corp. is constructing a turbine building and installing new turbines at a reactor site. The contract with the utility is for five years and has a total value of \$100 million. ABC Corp. has responded to an NRC Request For Proposal requiring the contractor to participate in a major team inspection unrelated to the turbine work at the same site. The estimated value of the contract is \$75K.

(ii) Guidance. An NRC contract would not normally be awarded to ABC Corp. because these factors create the potential for financial loyalty to the utility that may bias the technical judgment of the contractor.

(d) Other considerations.

(1) The fact that the NRC can identify and later avoid, eliminate, or neutralize any potential organizational conflicts arising from the performance of a contract is not relevant to a determination of the existence of conflicts prior to the award of a contract.

(2) It is not relevant that the contractor has the professional reputation of being able to resist temptations which arise from organizational conflicts of interest, or that a follow-on procurement is not involved, or that a contract is awarded on a competitive or a sole source basis.

§2009.570-4 Representation.

(a) The following procedures are designed to assist the NRC contracting officer in determining whether situations or relationships exist which may constitute organizational conflicts of interest with respect to a particular offeror or contractor. The procedures apply to small purchases meeting the criteria stated in the following paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The organizational conflicts of interest representation provision at §2052.209-71 must be included in solicitations and contracts resulting from unsolicited proposals. The contracting officer must also include this provision for task orders and contract modifications for new work for:

(1) Evaluation services or activities;

(2) Technical consulting and management support services;

(3) Research; and

(4) Other contractual situations where special organizational conflicts of interest provisions are noted in the solicitation and would be included in the resulting contract. This representation

requirement also applies to all modifications for additional effort under the contract except those issued under the "Changes" clause. Where, however, a statement of the type required by the organizational conflicts of interest representation provisions has previously been submitted with regard to the contract being modified, only an updating of the statement is required.

(c) The offeror may, because of actual or potential organizational conflicts of interest, propose to exclude specific kinds of work contained in a RFP unless the RFP specifically prohibits the exclusion. Any such proposed exclusion by an offeror will be considered by the NRC in the evaluation of proposals. If the NRC considers the proposed excluded work to be an essential or integral part of the required work and its exclusion would be to the detriment of the competitive posture of the other offerors, the NRC shall reject the proposal as unacceptable.

(d) The offeror's failure to execute the representation required by paragraph (b) of this section with respect to an invitation for bids is considered to be a minor informality. The offeror will be permitted to correct the omission.

§2009.570-5 Contract clauses.

(a) General contract clause. All contracts and simplified acquisitions of the types set forth in §2009.570-4(b) must include the clause entitled, "Contractor Organizational Conflicts of Interest," set forth in §2052.209-72.

(b) Other special contract clauses. If it is determined from the nature of the proposed contract that an organizational conflict of interest exists, the contracting officer may determine that the conflict can be avoided, or, after obtaining a waiver in accordance with §2009.570-9, neutralized through the use of an appropriate special contract clause. If appropriate, the offeror may negotiate the terms and conditions of these clauses, including the extent and time period of any restriction. These clauses include but are not limited to:

(1) Hardware exclusion clauses which prohibit the acceptance of production contracts following a related non-production contract previously performed by the contractor;

(2) Software exclusion clauses;

(3) Clauses which require the contractor (and certain of its key personnel) to avoid certain organizational conflicts of interest; and

(4) Clauses which provide for protection of confidential data and guard against its unauthorized use.

§2009.570-6 Evaluation, findings, and contract award.

The contracting officer shall evaluate all relevant facts submitted by an offeror and other relevant information. After evaluating this information against the criteria of §2009.570-3, the contracting officer shall make a finding of whether organizational conflicts of interest exist with respect to a particular offeror. If it has been determined that real or potential conflicts of interest exist, the contracting officer shall:

(a) Disqualify the offeror from award;

- (b) Avoid or eliminate such conflicts by appropriate measures; or
- (c) Award the contract under the waiver provision of §2009.570-9.

§2009.570-7 Conflicts identified after award.

If potential organizational conflicts of interest are identified after award with respect to a particular contractor and the contracting officer determines that conflicts do exist and that it would not be in the best interest of the Government to terminate the contract, as provided in the clauses required by §2009.570-5, the contracting officer shall take every reasonable action to avoid, eliminate, or, after obtaining a waiver in accordance with §2009.570-9, neutralize the effects of the identified conflict.

§2009.570-8 Subcontracts.

The contracting officer shall require offerors and contractors to submit a representation statement from all subcontractors (other than a supply subcontractor) and consultants performing services in excess of \$10,000 in accordance with §2009.570-4(b). The contracting officer shall require the contractor to include contract clauses in accordance with §2009.570-5 in consultant agreements or subcontracts involving performance of work under a prime contract.

§2009.570-9 Waiver.

(a) The contracting officer determines the need to seek a waiver for specific contract awards with the advice and concurrence of the program office director and legal counsel. Upon the recommendation of the Senior Procurement Executive, and after consultation with legal counsel, the Executive Director for Operations may waive the policy in specific cases if he determines that it is in the best interest of the United States to do so.

(b) Waiver action is strictly limited to those situations in which:

- (1) The work to be performed under contract is vital to the NRC program;
- (2) The work cannot be satisfactorily performed except by a contractor whose interests give rise to a question of conflict of interest.

(3) Contractual and/or technical review and surveillance methods can be employed by the NRC to neutralize the conflict.

(c) The justification and approval documents for any waivers must be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

§2009.570-10 Remedies.

In addition to other remedies permitted by law or contract for a breach of the restrictions in this subpart or for any intentional misrepresentation or intentional nondisclosure of any relevant interest required to be provided for this section, the NRC may debar the contractor from subsequent NRC contracts.

2052.209-71 Contractor organizational conflicts of interest (representation).

As prescribed in §2009.570-4(b) and §2009.570-8, the contracting officer must insert the following provision in applicable solicitations and in contracts resulting from unsolicited proposals. The contracting officer must also include the following in task orders and contract modifications for new work.

Contractor Organizational Conflicts of Interest Representation (Oct 1999)

I represent to the best of my knowledge and belief that:

The award to _____ of a contract or the modification of an existing contract does / / does not / / involve situations or relationships of the type set forth in 48 CFR 2009.570-3(b).

(a) If the representation, as completed, indicates that situations or relationships of the type set forth in 48 CFR 2009.570-3(b) are involved, or the contracting officer otherwise determines that potential organizational conflicts of interest exist, the offeror shall provide a statement in writing that describes in a concise manner all relevant factors bearing on his representation to the contracting officer. If the contracting officer determines that organizational conflicts exist, the following actions may be taken:

- (1) Impose appropriate conditions which avoid such conflicts;
- (2) Disqualify the offeror; or
- (3) Determine that it is otherwise in the best interest of the United States to seek award of the contract under the waiver provisions of 48 CFR 2009-570-9.

(b) The refusal to provide the representation required by 48 CFR 2009.570-4(b), or upon request of the contracting officer, the facts required by 48 CFR 2009.570-3(b), must result in disqualification of the offeror for award.

(End of Provision)

§2052.209-72 Contractor organizational conflicts of interest.

As prescribed at §2009.570-5(a) and §2009.570-8, the contracting officer must insert the following clause in all applicable solicitations, contracts, and simplified acquisitions of the types described; §2009.570-4(b):

Contractor Organizational Conflicts of Interest (Jan 1993)

- (a) Purpose. The primary purpose of this clause is to aid in ensuring that the contractor:
- (1) Is not placed in a conflicting role because of current or planned interests (financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise) which relate to the work under this contract; and
 - (2) Does not obtain an unfair competitive advantage over other parties by virtue of its performance of this contract.

(b) Scope. The restrictions described apply to performance or participation by the contractor, as defined in 48 CFR 2009.570-2 in the activities covered by this clause.

(c) Work for others.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, during the term of this contract, the contractor agrees to forego entering into consulting or other contractual arrangements with any firm or organization the result of which may give rise to a conflict of interest with respect to the work being performed under this contract. The contractor shall ensure that all employees under this contract abide by the provision of this clause. If the contractor has reason to believe, with respect to itself or any employee, that any proposed consultant or other contractual arrangement with any firm or organization may involve a potential conflict of interest, the contractor shall obtain the written approval of the contracting officer before the execution of such contractual arrangement.

(2) The contractor may not represent, assist, or otherwise support an NRC licensee or applicant undergoing an NRC audit, inspection, or review where the activities that are the subject of the audit, inspection, or review are the same as or substantially similar to the services within the scope of this contract (or task order as appropriate) except where the NRC licensee or applicant requires the contractor's support to explain or defend the contractor's prior work for the utility or other entity which NRC questions.

(3) When the contractor performs work for the NRC under this contract at any NRC licensee or applicant site, the contractor shall neither solicit nor perform work in the same or similar technical area for that licensee or applicant organization for a period commencing with the award of the task order or beginning of work on the site (if not a task order contract) and ending one year after completion of all work under the associated task order, or last time at the site (if not a task order contract).

(4) When the contractor performs work for the NRC under this contract at any NRC licensee or applicant site,

(i) The contractor may not solicit work at that site for that licensee or applicant during the period of performance of the task order or the contract, as appropriate.

(ii) The contractor may not perform work at that site for that licensee or applicant during the period of performance of the task order or the contract, as appropriate, and for one year thereafter.

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contracting officer may authorize the contractor to solicit or perform this type of work (except work in the same or similar technical area) if the contracting officer determines that the situation will not pose a potential for technical bias or unfair competitive advantage.

(d) Disclosure after award.

(1) The contractor warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise set forth in this contract, that it does not have any organizational conflicts of interest as defined in 48 CFR 2009.570-2.

(2) The contractor agrees that if, after award, it discovers organizational conflicts of interest with respect to this contract, it shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the contracting officer. This statement must include a description of the action which the contractor has taken or pro-

poses to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. The NRC may, however, terminate the contract if termination is in the best interest of the Government.

(3) It is recognized that the scope of work of a task-order-type contract necessarily encompasses a broad spectrum of activities. Consequently, if this is a task-order-type contract, the contractor agrees that it will disclose all proposed new work involving NRC licensees or applicants which comes within the scope of work of the underlying contract. Further, if this contract involves work at a licensee or applicant site, the contractor agrees to exercise diligence to discover and disclose any new work at that licensee or applicant site. This disclosure must be made before the submission of a bid or proposal to the utility or other regulated entity and must be received by the NRC at least 15 days before the proposed award date in any event, unless a written justification demonstrating urgency and due diligence to discover and disclose is provided by the contractor and approved by the contracting officer. The disclosure must include the statement of work, the dollar value of the proposed contract, and any other documents that are needed to fully describe the proposed work for the regulated utility or other regulated entity. NRC may deny approval of the disclosed work only when the NRC has issued a task order which includes the technical area and, if site-specific, the site, or has plans to issue a task order which includes the technical area and, if site-specific, the site, or when the work violates paragraphs (c)(2), (c)(3) or (c)(4) of this section.

(e) Access to and use of information.

(1) If, in the performance of this contract, the contractor obtains access to information, such as NRC plans, policies, reports, studies, financial plans, internal data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a (1988)), or the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. Section 552 (1986)), the contractor agrees not to:

(i) Use this information for any private purpose until the information has been released to the public;

(ii) Compete for work for the Commission based on the information for a period of six months after either the completion of this contract or the release of the information to the public, whichever is first;

(iii) Submit an unsolicited proposal to the Government based on the information until one year after the release of the information to the public; or

(iv) Release the information without prior written approval by the contracting officer unless the information has previously been released to the public by the NRC.

(2) In addition, the contractor agrees that, to the extent it receives or is given access to proprietary data, data protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a (1988)), or the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. Section 552 (1986)), or other confidential or privileged technical, business, or financial information under this contract, the contractor shall treat the information in accordance with restrictions placed on use of the information.

(3) Subject to patent and security provisions of this contract, the contractor shall have the right to use technical data it produces under this contract for private purposes provided that all requirements of this contract have been met.

(f) Subcontracts. Except as provided in 48 CFR 2009.570-2, the contractor shall include this clause, including this paragraph, in subcontracts of any tier. The terms contract, contractor, and contracting officer, must be appropriately modified to preserve the Government's rights.

(g) Remedies. For breach of any of the above restrictions, or for intentional nondisclosure or misrepresentation of any relevant interest required to be disclosed concerning this contract or for such erroneous representations that necessarily imply bad faith, the Government may terminate the contract for default, disqualify the contractor from subsequent contractual efforts, and pursue other remedies permitted by law or this contract.

(h) Waiver. A request for waiver under this clause must be directed in writing to the contracting officer in accordance with the procedures outlined in 48 CFR 2009.570-9.

(i) Follow-on effort. The contractor shall be ineligible to participate in NRC contracts, subcontracts, or proposals therefor (solicited or unsolicited) which stem directly from the contractor's performance of work under this contract. Furthermore, unless so directed in writing by the contracting officer, the contractor may not perform any technical consulting or management support services work or evaluation activities under this contract on any of its products or services or the products or services of another firm if the contractor has been substantially involved in the development or marketing of the products or services.

(1) If the contractor under this contract, prepares a complete or essentially complete statement of work or specifications, the contractor is not eligible to perform or participate in the initial contractual effort which is based on the statement of work or specifications. The contractor may not incorporate its products or services in the statement of work or specifications unless so directed in writing by the contracting officer, in which case the restrictions in this paragraph do not apply.

(2) Nothing in this paragraph precludes the contractor from offering or selling its standard commercial items to the Government.

(End of Clause)

**BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
COST REIMBURSEMENT TYPE CONTRACTS (October 2003)**

General: The contractor is responsible during performance and through final payment of this contract for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete CCR data. 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.**

Number of Copies: 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.

Designated Agency Billing Office: 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.

Agency Payment Office: 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.

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

Format: 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.**

Task Ordering Contracts: 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.

Fee Recovery Billings: 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, 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.

Billing of Cost After Expiration of Contract: 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".

Currency: 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.

Supersession: These instructions supersede any previous billing instructions.

INVOICE/VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL

(SAMPLE FORMAT)

1. Official Agency Billing Office

**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Division of Contracts MS: T-7-I-2
Washington, DC 20555-0001**

2. Voucher Information

- a. Payee's DUNS Number or DUNS+4.** The Payee shall include the Payee's Data Universal Number (DUNS) or DUNS+4 number that identifies the Payee's name and address. The DUNS+4 number is the DUNS number plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned at the discretion of the Payee to identify alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts for the same parent concern.
- b. Payee's Name and Address.** Show the name of the Payee as it appears in the contract and its correct address. If the Payee assigns the proceeds of this contract as provided for in the assignment of claims terms of this contract, the Payee shall require as a condition of any such assignment, that the assignee shall register separately in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database at <http://www.ccr.gov> and shall be paid by EFT in accordance with the terms of this contract. See Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.232-33(g) Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer - Central Contractor Registration (October 2003).
- c. Contract Number.** Insert the NRC contract number.
Task Order No. Insert the task order number (if Applicable).
- d. Voucher/Invoice.** 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.
- e. Date of Voucher/Invoice.** Insert the date the voucher/invoice is prepared.
- f. 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.
- g. 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:
- | <u>Labor Category</u> | <u>Hrs. Billed</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Cumulative Hrs.Billed</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|
- (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.
- (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>		<u>Destination</u>		<u>Costs</u>
From	To	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.
- h. **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.
- i. **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. Include this information as it applies to individual task orders as well. The contractor may bill for fixed fee only up to 85% of total fee.
- j. **Total Amount Billed.** Insert the total amounts claimed for the current and cumulative periods.
- k. **Adjustments.** For cumulative amount, include outstanding suspensions.
- l. **Grand Totals.**

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

3. Sample Voucher Information

This voucher represents reimbursable costs for the billing period for the billing period from ___through__.

	<u>Amount Billed</u>	
	<u>Current Period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
(a) Direct Costs		
(1) Direct labor*.....		
(2) Fringe benefits		
(%, if computed as percentage).....		
(3) Capitalized nonexpendable equipment (\$50,000 or more - see instructions)*.....		
(4) Non-capitalized equipment, materials, and supplies.....		
(5) Premium pay (NRC approved overtime).....		
(6) Consultants*.....		
(7) Travel*.....		
(8) Subcontracts*.....		
(9) Other costs*.....		

Total Direct Costs

- (b) Indirect Costs
 (A) Overhead ___ % of _____ (Indicate Base).....
 (B) General & Administrative Expense
 ___ % of Cost Elements Nos.
Total Direct & Indirect Costs
- (c) Fixed-Fee (Cite Formula):
 (d) Total Amount Billed.....
 (e) Adjustments.....
 (f) Grand Totals.....
- * (Requires Supporting Information – See Sample below)

SAMPLE SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Direct Labor - \$2400

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

3) Capitalized Non-Expendable Equipment

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

4) Non-capitalized Equipment, Materials, and Supplies

10 Radon tubes @ \$110.00 = \$1100.00
 6 Pairs Electrostatic gloves @ \$150.00 = \$900.00
 \$2000.00

5) Premium Pay

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

6) Consultants' Fee

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

7) Travel

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

FEE RECOVERY BILLING REPORT

FIN:

Facility Name or Report Title:

**TAC or Inspection Report Number:
(or other unique identifier)**

Docket Number (if applicable):

Cost Categories	Period Amt.	Period Cost Incurred	Fiscal Year To Date Costs	Total Cumulative Costs
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Labor

Materials

**Subcontractor/
Consultant**

Travel

Other (specify)

Common Costs

Total

Remarks:

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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) series; (2) reports and books by contractors of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); 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)

*"Contract" in this context encompasses the "Standard Order for DOE Work" (NRC Form 173), interagency and international agreements, and grants.

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**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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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/LA, 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

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.

*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)

*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)

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.

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:

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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. A publication 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.

*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*.

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.

Peer Review. A critical evaluation of the technical contents of a publication. These reviews are conducted by reviewers from the author's own or a related field who are totally independent of the work leading to the *manuscript*. Reviewers should be chosen from the potential audience for the publication and should provide an independent judgment about whether the publication successfully accomplishes the author's aims.

Photocomposition. *Typesetting* performed when photosensitive paper or film is exposed to light in the form of letters and characters. Photocomposition is to be distinguished from hot-metal and typewriter *composition*.

Printing. As defined by the Joint Committee on Printing, includes and applies to the process of *composition*, platemaking, presswork, collating, and microform; the equipment used in such processes; or the end product produced by such processes and equipment.

Proprietary Information. Trade secrets; privileged or confidential research, development, commercial, or financial information exempt from mandatory disclosure under 10 CFR Part 2 (Sections 2.740 and 2.790) and under 10 CFR Part 9 (Section 9.17); and other information submitted in confidence to the NRC by a foreign source and determined to be unclassified by the NRC.

Public Domain. Materials for which a *copyright* never existed, such as U.S. Government publications, or for which a copyright has expired.

Publicly Available Documents. Information (reports and references) that is available in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) for public inspection and copying or available in the *public domain*.

Glossary (continued)

Reproducible Masters. *Camera-ready copy* that includes (1) originals of line drawings (or prints that can be copied); (2) glossy prints of black and white photographs; (3) original *typeset* or printed text, tables, cover, title page, contents, and abstract; or (4) other forms of the materials that a printer can reproduce.

Trim Size. The final size of the whole page, margins included.

Typesetting. The placement of type on a page (letters, numbers, and other characters) in conformance with specific style and layout instructions.

Unique Identification. NRC identification (NUREG number) used on a report and its attachments, revisions, and supplements that is not used on any other publication.

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 Unclassified Contractor and Grantee Publications in the NUREG Series
 Handbook 3.8 Exhibits

Exhibit 1
 NRC Form 426A, "Release to Publish Unclassified NRC
 Contractor, Consultant, or Conference Proceedings
 Reports"

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RELEASE TO PUBLISH UNCLASSIFIED NRC CONTRACTOR, CONSULTANT, OR CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS REPORTS (Please Type or Print)				Origin from (A) Technical Publications Section or (B) 7803
2. TITLE AND SUBTITLE (State in full as shown on document) Alternate Modal Combination Methods in Response Spectrum Analysis				3. FUND OR GRANT NUMBER (If not for DOE contract number) A-3955
4. AUTHORS (If more than three, name first author followed by "and others") P. Bezler and others				
5. CONTRACTOR Brookhaven National Laboratory Department of Nuclear Energy		MAILING ADDRESS (Number and Street, City, State and ZIP Code) Building 129 Upton, NY 11973		TELEPHONE NUMBER 666-2447
6. TYPE OF DOCUMENT (Check appropriate box)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. TECHNICAL REPORT				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FORMAL <input type="checkbox"/> LETTER REPORT				
<input type="checkbox"/> B. CONFERENCE PAPER (If so, complete items (1), (2), and (3) below)				
(1) TITLE OF CONFERENCE PAPER: (2) DATE(S) OF CONFERENCE: (3) LOCATION OF CONFERENCE:				
<input type="checkbox"/> C. OTHER (Indicate type of item)				
7. DISTRIBUTION (List NRC distribution status. Provide mailing labels for material distributed and covered by NRC. If NRC staff, provide name and mail stop only. If not formal, provide complete mailing address.) RA 50 copies: Judy Liu, Technical Information Division, Bldg. 477B, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY 11973 10 copies: Nilesh Chokshi, RES, NLS-217				
8. CERTIFICATION (ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS)				
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