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Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

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AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance and Availability of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-4015, Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Applications.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft regulatory guide (DG), entitled, "Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Applications," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-4015, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-4015 is proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1, dated September 2000. This guidance document provides general procedures for the preparation of environmental reports (ER), which are submitted as part of an application for the renewal of a nuclear power plant operating license in accordance with Title 10, Part 54, "Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants," of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 54). This regulatory guide amends Supplement 1 to Regulatory Guide 4.2, "Preparation of Supplemental Environmental Reports for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses,"

issued September 2000. Use of this regulatory guide will help to ensure the completeness of the information provided in the ER, assist staff of the NRC and others in locating pertinent information, and facilitate the environmental review process. However, the NRC does not require conformance with the procedures, which are provided for guidance only.

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3. Fax comments to: Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 492-3446.

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