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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-3038.

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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 information and 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, "Standard Format and Content of License Applications for Plutonium Processing and Fuel Fabrication Facilities," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-3038, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-3038 is a proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 3.39, dated January 1976.

This guide endorses the standard format and content for safety analysis reports (SARs) and integrated safety analysis (ISA) summaries described in the current version of NUREG-1718, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of an Application for a Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility," as a method that the NRC staff finds acceptable for meeting the regulatory requirements.

Title 10, of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 70, "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material" (10 CFR Part 70), Subpart H, "Additional Requirements for Certain Licensees

Authorized to Possess a Critical Mass of Special Nuclear Material” identifies risk-informed performance requirements for plutonium processing and fuel fabrication facilities. It requires applicants to complete an ISA and submit an ISA summary and other information to the NRC for approval.

II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-3038. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data and should mention DG-3038 in the subject line. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

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1. Mail comments to: Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.
2. Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID [NRC-2009-0323]. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, 301-492-3668; e-mail Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.
3. Fax comments to: Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 492-3446.

Requests for technical information about DG-3038 may be directed to the NRC contact, Margie Kotzalas at (301) 492-3202 or e-mail to Margie.Kotzalas@nrc.gov.

Comments would be most helpful if received by September 21, 2009. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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