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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF PERIODIC REVIEW OF REGULATORY GUIDE
(RG) 1.28

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Based on the results of the periodic review, the staff concludes that no changes to RG 1.28 Revision 4 are warranted at this time. However, the staff identified some technical or regulatory issues in the review that could warrant addressing in a future revision. The NRC staff performed a review and identified that differences exist between the previously endorsed American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) standards (Nuclear Quality Assurance (NQA)-1-2008, "Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications" and NQA-1a-2009 addenda, "Addenda A to Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications") and the most recently issued standards from ASME (NQA-1b-2011 "Addenda B to Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications", NQA-1-2012 and NQA-1-2015). The NRC will publish a report on this evaluation, including a determination of the future need to revise RG 1.28, in approximately two years' time.

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