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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF REGULATORY GUIDE 1.86, "TERMINATION OF  
OPERATING LICENSES FOR NUCLEAR REACTORS" (STC-16-073)

**Purpose:** To provide notification that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.86, "Termination of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Reactors." This RG is being withdrawn because there is more up-to-date guidance in other NRC regulatory documents, making RG 1.86 obsolete.

**Background:** The NRC staff issued RG 1.86 in June 1974 to provide guidance for termination of operating licenses for nuclear power plants. In addition, RG 1.86 includes information in Table 1, "Acceptable Surface Contamination Levels" regarding acceptable average and maximum surface contamination criteria. The regulatory guidance in RG 1.86 is no longer needed because it has been updated and replaced by other NRC regulations and regulatory guidance.

**Discussion:** Enclosed with this letter is the *Federal Register* notice that provides information on the withdrawal of RG 1.86 and updated NRC regulations and guidance that replace RG 1.86. The notice was published in the *Federal Register* (81 FR 53507) on August 12, 2016, and can be accessed at: <https://federalregister.gov/a/2016-19195>.

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