

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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**Standard Format and Content of License Applications for Receipt and
Storage of Unirradiated Power Reactor Fuel and Associated Radioactive Material
at a Nuclear Power Plant**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 3.15, "Standard Format and Content of License Applications for Receipt and Storage of Unirradiated Power Reactor Fuel and Associated Radioactive Material at a Nuclear Power Plant." RG 3.15 describes the standard format and content that the NRC staff considers acceptable for license applications to authorize the receipt, possession, and storage of unirradiated fuel assemblies and associated radioactive materials at a nuclear power plant.

DATES: Revision 2 to RG 3.15 is available on August 7, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2020-0026 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the NRC's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information regarding methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing

specific parts of the agency's regulations, techniques that the NRC staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and data that the NRC staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 2 of RG 3.15 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide (DG)-3036. It describes the standard format and content that the NRC staff considers acceptable for license applications to authorize the receipt, possession, and storage of unirradiated fuel assemblies and associated radioactive materials at a nuclear power plant.

II. Additional Information

The NRC published a notice of the availability of DG-3036 in the *Federal Register* on February 19, 2020 (85 FR 9487) for a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on April 20, 2020. Two comments were received but they resulted in no changes in the technical content of the guide. Public comments on DG-3036 and the staff responses to the public comments are available under ADAMS Accession No. ML20164A213.

III. Congressional Review Act

This RG is a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801-808). However, the Office of Management and Budget has not found it to be a major rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act.

IV. Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

Issuance of Revision 2 of RG 3.15 does not constitute backfitting as defined in title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) section 50.109, "Backfitting," and as described in NRC Management Directive (MD) 8.4, "Management of Backfitting,

Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests”; constitute forward fitting as that term is defined and described in MD 8.4; or affect the issue finality of any approval issued under 10 CFR part 52, “Licenses, Certificates, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants.” As explained in the RG, licensees are not required to comply with the positions set forth in Revision 2 of RG 3.15.

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