

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2021-0217]**

**Monitoring Criteria and Methods to Calculate Occupational Radiation Doses**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft regulatory guide; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On December 17, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) solicited comments on draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-8060, "Monitoring Criteria and Methods to Calculate Occupational Radiation Doses." The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on January 31, 2022. The NRC has decided to extend the public comment period to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments.

**DATES:** The due date for comments requested in the document published on December 17, 2021 (86 FR 71676) is extended until March 2, 2022. Comments should be filed no later than March 2, 2022. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the **Federal Rulemaking Website:**

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2021-0217**. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **Mail comments to:** Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2021-0217** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2021-0217**.

- **NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For questions regarding use of ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at

1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov).

- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents, by appointment, at the NRC's PDR, Room P1 B35, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays

#### B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the **Federal Rulemaking Website** (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID **NRC-2021-0217** in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC posts all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enters the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

## II. Additional Information

This DG, titled "Monitoring Criteria and Methods to Calculate Occupational Radiation Doses," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-8060. The DG is a

proposed Revision 1 of RG 8.34 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21068A160). The proposed revision of RG 8.34 (Revision 1) describes acceptable methods for calculating the total effective dose equivalent. Proposed Revision 1 also provides acceptable methods for:

- performing prospective dose evaluations,
- monitoring of unintended doses,
- monitoring dose from hot particles,
- assessing dose from wound injuries,
- calculating soluble uranium intakes, and
- processing of dosimetry devices.

On October 25, 2013, the NRC staff issued DG-8031, "Monitoring Criteria and Methods to Calculate Occupational Radiation Doses," (ADAMS Accession No. ML13168A098), for public comment (78 FR 64030). DG-8031 was the proposed Revision 1 to RG 8.34. The NRC staff has elected not to finalize DG-8031 and is issuing DG-8060 as a replacement. The staff notes that DG-8060 considers and addresses technical issues and public comments related to the issuance of DG-8031.

### **III. Discussion**

On December 17, 2021, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (86 FR 71676) requesting comments on DG-8060, "Monitoring Criteria and Methods to Calculate Occupational Radiation Doses." Upon the request of the Nuclear Energy Institute, the NRC has decided to extend the public comment period on this document

until March 2, 2022, to allow more time for members of the public to submit their comments.

Dated: January 20, 2022.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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