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**[NRC-2023-0058]**

**Required Assessment of U.S. Department of Energy Laboratories by Licensees,  
Applicants, and Suppliers to Verify the Effective Implementation of Their Quality  
Assurance Programs**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Regulatory issue summary; Issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2024-02, "Required Assessment of U.S. Department of Energy Laboratories by Licensees, Applicants, and Suppliers to Verify the Effective Implementation of Their Quality Assurance Programs." RIS 2024-02 clarifies the agency's regulatory position regarding the required assessment of U.S. Department of Energy national laboratories by licensees, applicants, and vendors to verify the effective implementation of the laboratories' quality assurance programs.

**DATES:** RIS 2024-02 is available as of **[July 8, 2024]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to **NRC-2023-0058** 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:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2023-0058**. 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 individual listed in the "For Further Information Contact" section of this document.

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- **NRC’s Public Website:** This RIS is also available on the NRC’s public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues> (select 2024, scroll to Document Number RIS-24-02, and select the date 06/05/2024).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The NRC published a notice of opportunity for public comment on this RIS in the *Federal Register* on October 6, 2023 (88 FR 69555). The agency did not receive any comments. RIS 2024-02, “Required Assessment of U.S. Department of Energy Laboratories by Licensees, Applicants, and Suppliers to Verify the Effective Implementation of Their Quality Assurance Programs” is available in ADAMS under

Accession No. ML23342A179.

This RIS 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.

As noted in the *Federal Register* on May 8, 2018 (83 FR 20858), this document (like other draft and final Regulatory Issue Summaries) is being published in the Rules section of the *Federal Register* to comply with publication requirements under chapter I of title 1 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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