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**NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2025-05
RESUMING NORMAL INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE NRC
AND NRC STAKEHOLDERS FOLLOWING THE LAPSE OF AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS**

ADDRESSEES

All U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licensees, certificate holders, permit holders, and applicants; all Agreement and Non-Agreement States, and State Liaison Officers; and other interested stakeholders.

INTENT

The NRC is issuing this regulatory issue summary (RIS) to inform addressees that the NRC has resumed its normal operations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The NRC protects public health and safety and advances the nation's common defense and security by enabling the safe and secure use and deployment of civilian nuclear energy technologies and radioactive materials through efficient and reliable licensing, oversight, and regulation for the benefit of society and the environment. NRC regulation affects a variety of facilities including nuclear power plants, fuel manufacturers, industrial facilities, and academic and medical facilities, among others.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES

Due to a lapse of appropriations, the NRC began operating under its Office of Management and Budget-Approved Lapse Plan October 01, 2025. Consistent with that plan, the NRC began operating at a reduced level, maintaining critical health and safety activities and progress on other priorities, including activities outlined in Executive Order 14300. The NRC issued RIS 2025-04, to describe how addressees should interact with the NRC during this period when employees were furloughed. The purpose of this RIS is to inform addressees that effective November 12, 2025, the NRC has been funded. The NRC has resumed normal operations, and the staff has resumed its duties. Please resume normal modes of communication and contacts with the NRC.

BACKFIT AND ISSUE FINALITY DISCUSSION

The staff is not imposing on licensees any new or changed positions or regulatory requirements that constitute backfitting, as defined in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 50.109(a)(1), or a violation of any of the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR Part 52, nor is it proposing new or changed guidance that should be regarded as backfitting under Commission and Executive Director for Operations guidance. No action is required on the part of any licensee. Consequently, the staff did not perform a backfit analysis or otherwise prepare any documentation addressing issue finality criteria.

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTIFICATION

The NRC did not publish a notice of opportunity for public comment on this RIS in the *Federal Register* because it pertains to an administrative aspect of the regulatory process.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

This RIS is not a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 801–808).

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

This RIS does not contain any information collection requirements and, therefore, is not subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

PUBLIC PROTECTION NOTIFICATION

The NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the document requesting or requiring the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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