

# **INFORMATION REPORT**

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For: The Commissioners

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Office of Administration (ADM)  
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Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Code Cases; Proposed Rule; 10 CFR Part 50 (RIN 3150-A172; NRC-2009-0359)

On June 24, 2013, the NRC published a proposed rule in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 37886](#)) proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference the latest revisions of three regulatory guides (RG) approving new and revised Code Cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. This proposed action would allow nuclear power plant licensees and applicants for construction permits, operating licenses, combined licenses, standard design certifications, standard design approvals and manufacturing licenses, to use the Code Cases listed in these RGs as alternatives to engineering standards for the construction, inservice inspection, and inservice testing of nuclear power plant components. This rulemaking also includes consideration of a petition for rulemaking, PRM-50-89, submitted by Mr. Raymond West. In the same issue of the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 37721](#)), the NRC published another document issuing the three draft RGs that would be incorporated by reference for comment. Comments are requested for both the proposed rule and the draft RGs by September 9, 2013.

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: MAGNASTOR<sup>®</sup> System; Final Rule; 10 CFR Part 72 (RIN 3150-AJ22; NRC-2012-0308)

On June 25, 2013, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 37927](#)) amending its spent fuel storage regulations by revising the NAC International, Inc. Modular Advanced Generation Nuclear All-purpose Storage MAGNASTOR<sup>®</sup> Cask System listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include Amendment No. 3 to Certificate of Compliance No. 1031. For more information on Amendment No. 3, see the final rule. The final rule will be effective on July 25, 2013.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)  
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<b>Arrivals</b>		
KALATHIVEETIL, DAWNMATHEWS	GENERAL ENGINEER NSPDP	NRO
MCMURRAY, NICHOLAS	GENERAL ENGINEER NSPDP	NRO
PEOPLES, TIMOTHY	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST	RES
PINSON, RICHARD	REACTOR ENGINEER NSPDP	R-I
SMITH, KORD	ACRS CONSULTANT	ACRS
TARU, ZARVA	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NRO
TRAVIS, BOYCE	GENERAL ENGINEER NSPDP	NRO
TU, JOY	IT SPECIALIST BUSINESS ANALYST	IS
WAGNER, RYAN	PLANNING AND SCHEDULING ANALYST	NRO
WU, ANGELA	STUDENT ENGINEER (COOP)	NRR
<b>Retirements</b>		
JOHNSON, SUSAN	TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	IS
KINNEMAN, JOHN	DIR, DIV OF FUEL CYCLE SFTY & SFGDS	NMSS
VOGLEWEDE, JOHN	SR TECH ADV FOR REACTOR FUEL	RES
<b>Departures</b>		
ANAND, RAJ	PROJECT MANAGER	IS
HARDY, RAY	SENIOR IT SPECIALIST	CSO
KELBER, CHARLES	ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	ASLBP
RUBENSTEIN, LESTER	ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	ASLBP
STEVENSON, MICHAEL	ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE	ASLBP
WARREN, ROBERTA	FOIA TECHNICAL REVIEWER - SR. PROJECT	IS

Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received  
During the Period of June 21, 2013 – June 27, 2013:

All documents to NRC by NextEra Energy Point Beach of an incident involving alleged unlocking of security gun and ammunition safe, in early 2011 at Point Beach Nuclear Plant	FOIA/PA-2013-0268
Supplemental report on underground conditions at El Jarro point, provided by Pacific, Gas & Electric Co.	FOIA/PA-2013-0269
Copies of all documents released in listed FOIA requests	FOIA/PA-2013-0270
Safety evaluation report regarding DC Cook Unit 1 Exemption to certain scheduler requirements of 10 CFR 50, dated 12/23/83 (ML021020051)	FOIA/PA-2013-0271
ML032890125 dated 10/02/03 from the Maine Yankee licensee to NRC	FOIA/PA-2013-0272

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)  
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Publication of Revision 1 of RG 4.2S1, "Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Actions"

On June 20, 2013, the staff published a *Federal Register* Notice (78 FR 36324) announcing the issuance of Revision 2 of RG 4.2, Supplement 1 (RG 4.2S1), "Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Actions." RG 4.2S1 provides guidance in support of a final rule published on June 20, 2013 (78 FR 37282) revising 10 CFR Parts 51 and 54 provisions regarding environmental review for nuclear power plant operating license renewals. Environmental reports submitted by license renewal applicants are part of the process set forth in 10 CFR Part 51. The revised guide supports the rulemaking by incorporating knowledge gained from license renewal environmental reviews conducted by the NRC since 1996. The revision also includes updating citations to regulations and references published since its first issuance in 2000. Revision 1 of RG 4.2S1 is publically available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13067A354.

Publication of Draft RG DG-1233, "American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Cases Not Approved for Use"

On June 24, 2013, the staff published a *Federal Register* Notice (78 FR 37848) announcing the release of Draft RG -1233, "ASME Code Cases Not Approved for Use," to provide the public an opportunity to comment on this proposed Revision 4 of RG 1.193, dated October 2010. Revision 4 of RG 1.193 provides information for applicants and licensees regarding Code Cases related to the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and Operation and Maintenance of nuclear power plants that the NRC has determined to be not acceptable for use on a generic basis. Draft RG-1233 is related to the 10 CFR 50.55a rule recently issued endorsing RG 1.84, "Design, Fabrication and Materials Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section III" (ML102590003), RG 1.147, "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section XI, Division 1" (ML102590004), and RG 1.192, "Operation and Maintenance Code Case, Acceptability, ASME OM Code" (ML102600001) (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-06-24/pdf/2013-15022.pdf>). Draft RG-1233 is publically available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13114A948.

Publication of RG 1.33, "Quality Assurance Program Requirements (Operations)"

On June 24, 2013, the staff announced in the *Federal Register* the availability of RG 1.33, "Quality Assurance Program Requirements (Operations)" (78 FR 37850). RG 1.33 describes methods for managerial and administrative quality assurance controls for nuclear power plants during operations. This revision endorses ANSI/ANS 3.2-2012, "Managerial, Administrative, and Quality Assurance Controls for Operational Phase of Nuclear Power Plants." The standard incorporates operational experience since the original standard was developed and is better focused on quality assurance of plant operations because information on quality assurance of design and construction was moved to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers standard NQA-1, "Quality Assurance Program Requirements for Nuclear Power Plants." RG 1.33 is available on the NRC's public website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/rg/division-1/division-1-21.html>.

Publication of Revision 1 of RG 1.185, “Standard Format and Content for Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report”

On June 27, 2013, the staff published a *Federal Register* Notice (78 FR 38739) announcing the issuance of Revision 1 of RG 1.185. Since the issuance of RG 1.185 in 2000, several licensees have submitted Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activity Reports (PSDARs) for NRC review. As a result of these reviews, the NRC staff identified areas for enhanced guidance, including (1) additional ground-water surveys for adequate site characterization and dose assessments, and (2) information in environmental submittals that is sufficient to address the non-radiological impacts of proposed actions, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. These areas have been clarified in the revision. The revised RG is publically available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13140A038.

Publication of RG 5.29, “Special Nuclear Material Control and Accounting Systems for Nuclear Power Plants”

On June 27, 2013, the staff announced in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 38739) the availability of RG 5.29, “Special Nuclear Material Control and Accounting Systems for Nuclear Power Plants” (78 FR 38739). RG 5.29 describes a method that the NRC staff considers acceptable to implement special nuclear material control and accounting system requirements for nuclear power plants. This guide applies to all nuclear power plants. RG 5.29 endorses American National Standards Institute (ANSI) N15.8-2009, “Methods of Nuclear Material Control-Material Control Systems-Special Nuclear Material Control and Accounting Systems for Nuclear Power Plants.” ANSI N15.8-2009 provided additional guidance (beyond the previously endorsed version of this standard) on the control and accounting of (1) fuel rods that are separated from their parent assemblies; and (2) pieces of irradiated material that are separated as a result of fuel damage. RG 5.29 is available on the NRC’s public website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/protection/rg/division-5/division-5-21.html>.

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)  
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OPA received significant media inquiries on the following:

- Chairman Macfarlane confirmation for a full five-year term
- License amendment request for Millstone plant (CT)
- Temporary shutdown of Diablo Canyon plant (CA)
- Decommissioning of San Onofre plant (CA); upcoming layoffs for San Onofre employees
- Review of Indian Point plant's (NY) license renewal application
- Safe restart of Palisades plant (MI); revision of a Region 3 Confirmatory Letter regarding Palisades
- Risk to right whales spotted near Pilgrim plant (MA); Entergy's response to apparent violations involving a control room operator
- Waste Confidence proposed rule
- Spent fuel pool study by the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- An interview with Region 3 Agreements States Officer and a reporter regarding Shine Medical's future plans

OPA Social Media Items:

Blog:

- Chairman Macfarlane Confirmed For A Five-Year Term
- The NRC Makes Sure Employees at Perry Are Focused on Worker Radiation Safety
- Factoring in Human Factors in Nuclear Power Plants
- Two Separate NRC Efforts Address Spent Fuel Safety

YouTube:

- NRC Q&A Series - Three Minutes with Human Factors Research

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
<a href="#">13-054</a>	NRC Issues Supplement to Final Environmental Study For Indian Point Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application (06/25/13)
<a href="#">13-053</a>	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Spent Fuel Pool Study (06/24/13)
<b>Regions:</b>	
<a href="#">II-13-045</a>	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Inspections and Review of Honeywell Modifications (06/27/13)
<a href="#">IV-13-017</a>	NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at South Texas Project Plant (06/25/13)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. <a href="#">SECY-13-0061</a>	06/07/13	Proposed Rule: Waste Confidence - Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel (RIN 3150-AJ20)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. <a href="#">SECY-13-0071</a>	06/27/13	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending June 21, 2013

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Representative John D. Dingell, dated June 19, 2013, responds to request for the Commission to deny NEI's petition for rulemaking (PRM-73-16) requesting to amend 10 CFR Part 73.56, Personnel Access Authorization Requirements for Nuclear Power Plants.
2. Letter to Representative Edward Markey, dated June 18, 2013, responds to his letter urging the Commission to make changes in the methodology and reporting process by which it determines licensee financial capability to meet future decommissioning needs.
3. Letter to Raymond Shadis, New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution, dated June 18, 2013, responds to his letter requesting that the NRC select Vermont Yankee as a representative boiling-water reactor for any pilot projects that arise from the NRC's ongoing Waste Confidence rulemaking effort.
4. Letter to Senator Robert T. Casey, Jr., dated June 17, 2013, responds to his letter requesting the steps NRC plans to take to ensure the safety of residents living near nuclear power plants and any measures to increase awareness of emergency procedures.

Federal Register Notices Issued

Revision to Notice of Meetings, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and PRA, notice of meeting (07/22/13, 8:30 am–12:00 pm).