Committee: Human Exploration and Operations Research Advisory Committee.

Purpose and Objectives: Each of the five (5) NASA Federal advisory committees will advise NASA on scientific matters within the scope of its respective area of responsibility. Specifically, the scientific matters involve NASA research programs, policies, plans, and priorities pertaining to astrophysics, heliophysics, Earth science, planetary science, and human exploration and operations research. The five (5) NASA Federal advisory committees will function solely as advisory bodies and will comply fully with the provisions of FACA.

Membership: Membership of each of the five (5) NASA Federal advisory committees and any subordinate groups formed under each committee shall consist of individual subject-matter experts who will serve as Special Government Employees (unless they are Regular Government Employees). They will be chosen from among academia, industry and government with demonstrated and well-recognized knowledge, expertise and experience in fields relevant to their respective scientific disciplines. The membership of each Federal advisory committee will be fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and functions to be performed. Diversity shall be considered as well.

Duration: Each of the five (5) NASA Federal advisory committees is a discretionary committee and is envisioned to be continuing entity subject to charter renewals every two years.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Gale Allen, Deputy Chief Scientist, NASA Headquarters, (202) 358–4580, or gale.allen@.nasa.gov.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, Division of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Or by email: ACAPermissions@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 26, 2016, the National Science Foundation published notices in the Federal Register of permit applications received. The permits were issued on November 29, 2016 to:

1. Wendell J. Long, Jr., Permit No. 2017–024
2. Andrew G. Fountain, Permit No. 2017–025
3. Donald Fortescue, Permit No. 2017–026

Nadege G. Kennedy,
Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2014–0254]

Advanced Light-Water Reactor Probabilistic Risk Assessment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Interim staff guidance; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Interim Staff Guidance (ISG), DC/COL–ISG–028, “Assessing the Technical Adequacy of the Advanced Light-Water Reactor Probabilistic Risk Assessment for the Design Certification Application and Combined License Application.” The purpose of this ISG is to provide guidance for assessing the technical adequacy of the probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) needed for advanced light-water reactor (ALWR) design certification (DC) and combined license (COL) applications. This guidance addresses only the typical conditions for the DC and COL application.

DATES: The DC/COL–ISG–028 is available on December 2, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2014–0254 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 Web site: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC–2014–0254. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

• NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. For the convenience of the reader, the ADAMS accession numbers are provided in a table in the “Availability of Documents” section of this document.

• NRC’s PDR: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion


II. Public Comments


The Commission received 49 comments from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). These comments were addressed and are available in the comment resolution document.

III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

The NRC is issuing this ISG to assist the NRC staff when assessing the technical adequacy of PRAs submitted as part of ALWR DC and COL applications. Issuance of this ISG does not constitute backfitting as defined in §50.109 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) (the Backfit Rule) or otherwise be inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. The NRC staff’s position is based upon the following considerations.

1. The ISG positions do not constitute backfitting, inasmuch as the ISG is internal guidance to NRC staff.

The ISG provides interim guidance to the NRC staff on how to review an application for NRC regulatory approval in the form of licensing. Changes in internal NRC staff guidance are not matters for which either nuclear power plant applicants or licensees are protected under 10 CFR 50.109 or the issue finality provisions of 10 CFR part 52.

2. Backfitting and issue finality—with certain exceptions discussed below—do not protect current or future applicants.

Applicants are not, with certain exceptions, protected by either the Backfit Rule or any issue finality provisions under 10 CFR part 52. This is because neither the Backfit Rule nor the issue finality provisions under 10 CFR part 52—with certain exclusions discussed below—were intended to apply to every NRC action that substantially changes the expectations of current and future applicants.

The exceptions to the general principle are applicable whenever an applicant references a 10 CFR part 52 license (e.g., an early site permit) or NRC regulatory approval (e.g., a design certification rule) with specified issue finality provisions. The NRC staff does not, at this time, intend to impose the positions represented in the ISG in a manner that is inconsistent with any issue finality provisions. If, in the future, the NRC staff seeks to impose a position in the ISG in a manner that does not provide issue finality as described in the applicable issue finality provision, then the NRC staff must address the criteria for avoiding issue finality as described in the applicable issue finality provision.

3. NRC consideration of PRA impacts to address the application of the PRA Standard are outside the scope of matters subject to backfitting protection, and are not a violation of issue finality provisions.

The NRC consideration of PRA impacts to address the application of the PRA Standard, and an applicant’s submission of risk-assessment information needed to support the NRC’s assessment of the technical adequacy of the PRA, do not fall within the scope of matters that constitute backfitting. Consideration of PRA impacts to address the application of the PRA Standard falls within the scope of matters protected under issue finality provisions. However, this protection applies only if a COL application references a PRA. Therefore, issuance of this ISG does not constitute a violation or inconsistency of the issue finality provisions applicable to COL applications referencing a PRA.

IV. Congressional Review Act

This ISG 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.

V. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available as indicated.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of November, 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Joseph Colaccino,
Chief, New Reactor Rulemaking and Guidance Branch, Division of Engineering Infrastructure and Advanced Reactors, Office of New Reactors.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meeting


ACTION: Notice of Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee Meeting Date in 2017.

SUMMARY: According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, U.S. Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal prevailing rate employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee’s primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

This scheduled meeting is open to the public with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meeting either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public. Reports for calendar years 2008 to 2015 are posted at http://www.opm.gov/pprac. Previous reports are also available, upon written request, to the Committee.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee’s attention. Additional information on these meetings may be obtained by contacting the Committee at U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5H27, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606–2858.


Sheldon Friedman,
Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2017–46]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission’s consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: December 5, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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1. Docket No(s): CP2017–46; Filing Title: Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: November 23, 2016; Filing Authority: 39 CFR 3015.5; Public Representative: Max E. Schmidman; Comments Due: December 5, 2016.