Withdrawal of Regulatory Guides 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory Guides 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5; withdrawal.


DATES: The effective date of the withdrawal of RGs 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 is December 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2016–0246 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 http://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC–2016–0246. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals 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 prd.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. The withdrawal notices for RGs 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16210A319.

• NRC’s PDF: 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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulatory guides may be withdrawn by the NRC when their guidance no longer provides useful information, or is superseded by technological innovations, congressional actions, or other events. The withdrawal of an RG should be thought of as the final revision of the guide.


The NRC is withdrawing these three RGs because the guidance contained in them has been superseded by more current guidance which has been incorporated into RG 1.183, “Alternative Radiological Source Terms for Evaluating Design Basis Accidents at Nuclear Power Reactors,” (ADAMS Accession No. ML031490640). The information in RG 1.183 provides guidance for new and existing light-water reactor (LWR) plants that have adopted the alternative source term (AST), and RG 1.195 provides guidance for those LWR plants that have not adopted the AST.

The withdrawal of RGs 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 does not alter any prior or existing NRC licensing approval or the acceptability of licensee commitments to these RGs. Although RGs 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 are withdrawn, current licensees may continue to use them, and withdrawal does not affect any existing licenses or agreements. However, by withdrawing RGs 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5, the NRC no longer approves for use the guidance in these RGs in future requests or applications for NRC licensing actions.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of December, 2016. For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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I. Discussion

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the NRC’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public the information regarding methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency’s regulations, techniques that the NRC staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and data that the NRC staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Proposed Revision 3 of RG 8.7 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide DG–8030 and is available under ADAMS Accession No. ML15169A218. The NRC published DG–8030 for public comment on August 28, 2015 (80 FR 52345). The public comment period closed on October 27, 2015. The NRC received one set of comments from an industry association and those comments and the NRC staff’s responses are available under ADAMS Accession No. ML16060A392. In a related action, the NRC requested public comments on its proposed revisions to Form 5, “Occupational Dose Record for a Monitoring Period” on June 19, 2012 (77 FR 36583). The public comment period closed on July 20, 2012. The NRC received four sets of comments from industry and those comments and the NRC staff’s responses are available under ADAMS Accession No. ML16308A071.

Revision 3 of RG 8.7 addresses changes identified since Revision 2 was issued in November 2005. In particular, the regulations in 10 CFR 20.1201(c) concerning the measurement of external exposure by either deep-dose equivalent or effective dose equivalent (for external exposures) (EDEX), and the regulations in 10 CFR 20.1003 and 10 CFR 50.2 regarding the definition of the “total effective dose equivalent” (TEDE), were amended and became effective on January 3, 2008 (72 FR 68043; December 4, 2007). As a result of the revised definition of TEDE, the NRC staff developed the additional acronym EDEX and this term was included in the revised NRC Forms 4 and 5 that were updated in April 2015. Revision 3 of RG 8.7 references the revised versions of NRC Forms 4 and 5, as well as detailed instructions for completing these forms. The acronym EDEX and the term “total organ dose equivalent” are included in the revised forms to be consistent with current NRC practice.

II. Use of Revised NRC Forms 4 and 5

The new NRC Form 4, “Cumulative Occupational Dose History (04–2015),” or its electronic equivalent, is available for use by NRC licensees to record an individual’s cumulative occupational dose history. NRC licensees may also continue to use the old NRC Form 4, “Cumulative Occupational Dose History (10/2001),” until December 31, 2016. All NRC licensees should use the new NRC Form 4 or its equivalent beginning January 1, 2017.

The new NRC Form 5, “Occupational Dose Record for a Monitoring Period (04–2015),” or its electronic equivalent, is available for use by NRC licensees to record the occupational dose for any monitoring period beginning on or after January 1, 2016. NRC licensees may also continue to use the old NRC Form 5, “Occupational Dose Record for a Monitoring Period (10/2001),” for any monitoring period beginning on or before December 31, 2016. All NRC licensees should use the new NRC Form 5 or its equivalent, for any monitoring period beginning on or after January 1, 2017. Both forms are available online through the NRC’s public Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections.

III. Congressional Review Act

This RG 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.

IV. Backfitting

This RG addresses compliance with the NRC’s requirements in 10 CFR part 20 to record and report an individual’s cumulative occupational dose history and the occupational dose received by an individual for a specific monitoring period. The NRC regards these requirements as constituting information collection and reporting requirements. The NRC has long taken the position that information collection and reporting requirements are not subject to the NRC’s backfitting and issue finality regulations in 10 CFR 50.109, 10 CFR 70.76, 10 CFR 72.62, 10 CFR 76.76, and 10 CFR part 52 (e.g., “Material Control and Accounting Methods,” December 23, 2002 (67 FR 78130); and “Regulatory Improvements to the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System,” June 9, 2008 (73 FR 32453)). Therefore, the NRC has determined that its backfitting and issue finality regulations do not apply to this RG because the RG does not include any provisions within the scope of matters covered by the backfitting provisions in 10 CFR parts 50, 70, or 72, or the issue finality provisions of 10 CFR part 52.
I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the dock number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s) can be accessed via the Commission’s Web site (http://www.prc.gov). Non-public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3007.40.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s request(s) in the captioned dock number(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. Docket No(s): CP2014–4; Filing Title: Notice of United States Postal Service of Change in Prices Pursuant to Amendment to Parcel Return Service Contract 5; Filing Acceptance Date: December 2, 2016; Filing Authority: 39 CFR 3015.5; Public Representative: Gregory Stanton; Comments Due: December 12, 2016.

2. Docket No(s): CP2015–53; Filing Title: Notice of United States Postal Service of Change in Prices Pursuant to Amendment to Parcel Return Service Contract 6; Filing Acceptance Date: December 2, 2016; Filing Authority: 39 CFR 3015.5; Public Representative: Helen Fonda; Comments Due: December 13, 2016.

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