

Currently, the other employees in this Region work in Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon. The Seattle and Portland offices will continue to be open. The geographical area covered by the Region will not be changed.

The most recent list of Regional and Subregional Offices was published at 65 FR 53228–53229 on August 29, 2000, as amended at 78 FR 44602–44603 on Wednesday, July 24, 2012.

Concurrent with this Notice, the NLRB is revising its Statement of Organization and Functions to delete reference to the Anchorage office as a place where persons can obtain service in Region 19. The revision to the Board's Statement of Organization and Functions is attached.

Since July 20, 2017, the NLRB has solicited and received feedback on the proposed closure of the Anchorage, Alaska office. The decision to close this office and restructure the Agency's operations in the manner set forth here was informed by comments from stakeholders. Because this is a general notice that is related to the organization of the NLRB, it is not a regulation or rule subject to Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to the change set forth here, the National Labor Relations Board has amended its Statement of Organization and Functions as follows:

#### Part 201—Description of Organization

##### Subpart B—Description of Field Organization

(A) “Areas Served by Regional and Subregional Offices” is amended in following manner:

(1) Region 19 is amended to read as follows:

Region 19. Seattle, Washington. Services Alaska and all counties in Washington except Clark; in Idaho, services Adams, Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clark, Clearwater, Custer, Fremont, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lemhi, Lewis, Nez Perce, Shoshone, and Valley Counties; and in Montana, services Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacia, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis, and Clark, Liberty, Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Ravatti, Sanders, Silver Bow, Teton, and Toole Counties.

Subregion 36. Portland, Oregon. Services Oregon and Clark County in Washington.

Persons may also obtain service from a Resident Agent located in Anchorage, Alaska.

By Direction of the Board.

Dated: January 26, 2018.

**Roxanne Rothschild,**

*Deputy Executive Secretary.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2012–0110]

### An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Regulatory guide; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 3 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.174, “An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis.” This proposed guide, Revision 3, has been revised to incorporate additional information related to the evaluation of defense-in-depth since Revision 2 of RG 1.174 was issued in 2011. The proposed revision includes additional guidance on defense-in-depth to assure the defense-in-depth philosophy is interpreted and implemented consistently.

**DATES:** Revision 3 to RG 1.174 is available on January 31, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2012–0110 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–2012–0110. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto: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 [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document. Revision 3 to RG 1.174 and the regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML17317A256 and ML16358A156 respectively.

- *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.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 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 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. Revision 3 of RG 1.174 describes an approach that is acceptable to the staff of the NRC when developing risk-informed applications for a licensing basis change that considers engineering issues and applies risk insights.

Revision 3 of RG 1.174 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG–1285. This revision (Revision 3) presents up-to-date defense-in-depth guidance using precise language to assure the defense-in-depth philosophy is interpreted and implemented consistently. Revision 3 contains significant changes including expansion of the guidance on the meaning of, and the process for assessing, the defense-in-depth considerations.

In addition, this revision adopts the term “PRA Acceptability,” including related phrasing variants, in place of terms such as “PRA quality,” “PRA technical adequacy,” and “technical

adequacy” to describe the appropriateness of the PRA used to support risk-informed licensing submittals. Other changes in this revision include expanding the discussions on uncertainties, including aggregation of risk results, consistent with NUREG–1855, “Guidance on the Treatment of Uncertainties Associated with PRAs in Risk-Informed Decisionmaking” (ADAMS Accession No. ML17062A466), updating the risk acceptance guideline figures, and incorporating discussions related to application of this guide to new reactors.

Regarding the guidance in Section C.6.3 of the guide on the licensee submittal documentation, the NRC has accepted via a letter issued on May 3, 2017 (See ADAMS Accession No. ML17079A427), an industry process entitled “Close-out of Facts and Observations (F&Os)” (See ADAMS Accession No. ML17086A431) that allows a licensee to formally close F&Os that were generated during a peer review process. If a licensee meets the conditions of acceptance as described in the NRC’s letter, a licensee does not need to submit the closed F&Os in any future applications. It should be noted that the NRC position in the May 3rd letter is expected to be incorporated into the next revision of RG 1.200, “An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities.”

## II. Additional Information

The NRC published a notice of the availability of DG–1285 in the **Federal Register** on April 7, 2017 (82 FR 17042), for a 45-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on May 22, 2017. Public comments on DG–1285 and the staff responses to the public comments are available under ADAMS under Accession No. ML17261A618.

## 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 and Issue Finality

RG 1.174 describes an approach that the NRC staff considers acceptable when developing risk-informed applications for a licensing basis change that considers engineering issues and applies risk insights. Issuance of this RG does not constitute backfitting as defined in section 50.109 of title 10 of

the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) (the Backfit Rule) and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. As discussed in the “Implementation” section of this RG, the NRC has no current intention to impose this guidance on holders of current operating licenses or combined licenses.

This RG may be applied to applications for amendments to operating licenses or combined licenses docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance, as well as future applications submitted after the issuance of this regulatory guide. Such action would not constitute backfitting as defined in the Backfit Rule or be otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provision in 10 CFR part 52, inasmuch as such applicants or potential applicants are not within the scope of entities protected by the Backfit Rule or the relevant issue finality provisions in part 52.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of January 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Edward O'Donnell,**

*Acting Chief, Regulatory Guidance and Generic Issues Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Notice of Meeting—Revised

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a meeting February 8–10, 2018, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**Thursday, February 8, 2018,  
Conference Room T–2B1, 11545  
Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland  
20852**

*8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)*—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: NuScale Design Certification Application Request for Exemption from General Design Criterion 27 (Open/Closed)*—The Committee will hear briefings by and discussion with representatives of the NRC staff and NuScale regarding the subject exemption application. [**Note:** A

portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)].

*10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.: Biennial Review and Evaluation of the NRC Safety Research Program (Open)*—The Committee will hear discussion regarding the NRC Safety Research Program.

*1:15 p.m.–6:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)*—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports [**Note:** A portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)].

**Friday, February 9, 2018, Conference Room T–2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852**

*8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.: Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee and Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open/Closed)*—The Committee will hear discussion of the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the Full Committee during future ACRS meetings. [**Note:** A portion of this meeting may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.]

*10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)*—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports. [**Note:** A portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)].

**Saturday, February 10, 2018,  
Conference Room T–2B1, 11545  
Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland  
20852**

*8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)*—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports. [**Note:** A portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)].

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 4, 2017 (82 FR 46312). In accordance with those procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including