be adequately subcritical. This determination is based, in part, on the applicant's analysis and the conservatism present in ORNL and staff confirmatory analyses, and the limited duration and number of shipments for this exemption. Because the staff's determination is based, in part, on these limitations, they are imposed as conditions of the staff's approval of this exemption. Additionally, the staff agrees that the calculated CSI of 16.6, based on the applicant's NCT and HAC package array analysis supplemented by ORNL and staff analyses, is acceptable, and is therefore also included as a condition to this exemption. With the analysis provided, and the conditions as noted, the staff finds the application provides reasonable assurance that the package, with the requested contents, will meet the criticality safety requirements of 10 CFR part 71.

Information Submission on First Use

Urenco USA also requested an exemption from 10 CFR 71.13(c), which requires the submission of information upon first use of a transportation package. Because there are no physical or design changes to CoC No. 9362 as part of this exemption request, and because UUSA has already submitted the information necessary as part of the first use of CoC No. 9362, the staff approves of the applicant's request to be relieved from this requirement.

Conclusion

The staff reviewed UUSA's exemption request and concludes that, with the conditions provided in the application, and imposed as conditions of approval of this exemption, the use of CoC No. 9362, Revision No. 5, with UF_6 contents greater than 5 wt. percent U–235 but less than 10 wt. percent U–235 will not affect the ability of the transportation package to meet the criticality or shielding safety requirements of 10 CFR part 71. The staff's evaluation focused only on information already publicly available on the existing CoC No. 9362, Revision No. 5. Based on these evaluations, the staff has concluded that granting this exemption will be consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR part 71 and will not endanger life or property.

C. The Exemption Will Not Endanger the Common Defense and Security

In addition, UUSA asserts that issuance of the exemption would not endanger the common defense and security because the authorized limit for the 30B cylinder within the DN30 transportation package proposed by the exemption request would be less than 10 wt. percent U–235 enrichment. At a maximum authorized enrichment of less than 10 wt. percent U–235 enrichment, the low enriched uranium remains classified as Category III, the lowest risk category with the lowest security provisions. Therefore, according to UUSA, because of the low risk of theft or unauthorized diversion of the low enriched uranium, the contents of the package as approved under this exemption would not present a challenge to the common defense and security.

The staff reviewed UUSA's exemption request and determined that issuance of the exemption authorizing use of CoC No. 9362 for transport of UF_6 enriched to less than 10 wt. percent U–235, does not impact the current classification of the material for security requirement purposes. The contents of the package under the exemption will be less than 10 wt. percent U–235, and thus, will be subject to, and continue to, meet the same security requirements currently in place. The NRC staff has determined that application of these requirements will provide adequate protection and is not inimical to the common defense and security. Therefore, the NRC staff finds that the proposed exemption does not endanger the common defense and security, as required by 10 CFR 71.12.

IV. Environmental Consideration

The NRC staff also considered in the review of this exemption request whether there would be any significant environmental impacts associated with the exemption. For this proposed action, the NRC staff prepared an environmental assessment pursuant to 10 CFR 51.30. The environmental assessment concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Accordingly, the NRC determined that a finding of no significant impact is appropriate, and an environmental impact statement is not warranted. The environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact was published on April 15, 2026 (91 FR 20180). A revised environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact was published on May 26, 2026 (91 FR 30733), to account for a change in the exemption that did not result in changes to the potential environmental impacts.

V. Conditions

The following conditions apply to the exemption request:

1. No physical or design changes to the DN30 transportation package (CoC No. 9362, Revision No. 5) are authorized by this exemption.

2. The exemption is limited to the domestic transport of approximately 40 to 50 30B cylinders of UF_6 enriched to greater than 5, but less than 10 wt. percent U–235 in calendar years 2026 through 2027 to a single customer.

3. The UF_6 mass limit per 30B cylinder is limited to 2,277 kg UF_6.

4. The CSI for shipment under this exemption is 16.6.

VI. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing considerations, the NRC staff has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 71.12, the exemption is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security. Therefore, the NRC grants the applicant an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 71.17(c)(2) and 71.17(c)(3), which will allow for the use of CoC No. 9362 for limited domestic shipments of UF_6 enriched to greater than 5 wt. percent U–235 but less than 10 wt. percent U–235, in the 30B cylinder within the DN30 transportation package, despite not being in compliance with certain terms and conditions in CoC No. 9362, Revision No. 5; and will relieve the applicant from submitting information on first use of the package.

No physical or design changes to the DN30 transportation package (*i.e.,* CoC No. 9362) are authorized by this exemption. This exemption is limited to the transport of UF_6 enriched to greater than 5, but less than 10 wt. percent U–235, in 30B cylinders within the DN30 transportation package (CoC No. 9362) only for domestic delivery of UF_6 and specific near-term planned transportation of approximately 40 to 50 cylinders in calendar years 2026–2027 to a single customer. Also, the UF_6 mass limit per 30B cylinder is limited to 2,277 kg UF_6. The CSI for shipment under this exemption is 16.6.

Based on the statements contained in the application, and the conditions listed above, the staff concludes that the changes indicated do not affect the ability of the package to meet the requirements of 10 CFR part 71.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated: May 29, 2026

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Shana Helton,

Director, Division of Fuel Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety, and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2025–0677]

Regulatory Guide: Acceptability of ASME OM–2 Code, Component Testing Requirements at Nuclear Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Direct final guide; issuance and post-promulgation comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.220, Revision 0, ''Acceptability of ASME OM–2 Code, Component Testing Requirements at Nuclear Facilities.'' This new RG endorses, with a regulatory position, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Operation and Maintenance OM–2 Code, *Component Testing Requirements at Nuclear Facilities,* 2024 Edition, and describes an approach that is acceptable to the NRC staff for the development and implementation of an Inservice Testing (IST) Program for all types of nuclear facilities. This RG is effective on the date of **Federal Register** Notice publication, with a 30-day post-promulgation comment period.

DATES: RG 1.220, Revision 0, takes effect on June 4, 2026. Post-promulgation comments must be received by July 6, 2026. Comments received after this date

will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on RG 1.220, Revision 0, by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website.

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2025–0677. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301–415–1003; email: *Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov*. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.
- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN–5–A85, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see ''Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments'' in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Scarbrough, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, telephone: 301–415–2794; email: *Thomas.Scarbrough@nrc.gov* and Amir Mobasheran, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301–415–8112; email: *Amir.Mobasheran@nrc.gov*. Both are staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2025–0677 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2025–0677.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at *https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html*. To begin the search, select ''Begin ADAMS Public Search.'' For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, at 301–415–4737, or by email to *PDR.Resource@nrc.gov*.

RG 1.220, Revision 0, ''Acceptability of ASME OM–2 Code, Component Testing Requirements at Nuclear Facilities,'' is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML25329A088. The regulatory analysis for the RG can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML25329A089. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and NRC approval is not required to reproduce them.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to *PDR.Resource@nrc.gov* or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (*https://www.regulations.gov*). Please include Docket ID NRC–2025–0677 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at *https://www.regulations.gov* as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Discussion

The NRC is issuing, with a post-promulgation comment period, a RG in the NRC's ''Regulatory Guide'' series. This series was developed to describe methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, to explain techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and to describe information that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The NRC staff is issuing Revision 0 of RG 1.220 to provide applicants and licensees of all types of nuclear facilities with an acceptable method for developing and implementing an IST program that would demonstrate compliance with NRC regulations for submission of an operating license or a combined operating license under part 50 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), ''Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities'' or 10 CFR 52 ''Licenses, Certification, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants,'' respectfully. This RG endorses, with a regulatory position, the ASME Operation and Maintenance OM–2 Code for use by applicants of all types of nuclear facilities that may have different types of reactor and component designs.

The staff is also issuing a final regulatory analysis with a post-promulgation comment period (ADAMS Accession No. ML25329A089). The staff developed a regulatory analysis to assess the value of issuing an RG as well as an alternative course of action.

III. Post-Promulgation Comment Procedure

The NRC considers this action to be non-controversial, and is issuing this guidance document as a direct final RG with a 30-day post-promulgation comment period. This RG is effective on June 4, 2026. However, if the NRC receives comments that causes the NRC to make a change to this direct final RG by July 6, 2026, then the NRC will publish a **Federal Register** Notice that withdraws the guidance document and will address the comments received in a subsequent final RG or as otherwise appropriate.

IV. 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.

V. Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

Issuance of RG 1.220 does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109, ''Backfitting,'' and as described in NRC Management Directive (MD) 8.4, ''Management of Backfitting, Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests''; constitute

forward fitting as that term is defined and described in MD 8.4; or affect the issue finality of any approval issued under 10 CFR part 52, ''Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants.'' As explained in Revision 0 of RG 1.220, applicants and licensees generally are not required to comply with the positions in the RG.

VI. Submitting Suggestions for Improvement of Regulatory Guides

A member of the public may, at any time, submit suggestions to the NRC for improvement of existing RGs or for the development of new RGs. Suggestions can be submitted on the NRC's public website at *https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/contactus.html.* Suggestions will be considered in future updates and enhancements to the ''Regulatory Guide'' series.

VII. Executive Order (E.O.) 12866

The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs determined that this RG is not a significant regulatory action under E.O. 12866.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*

Dated: June 2, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James Steckel,

Acting Chief, Regulatory Guide and Programs Management Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50–528, STN 50–529, STN–530, and 72–44; NRC–2026–2575]

Arizona Public Service Company; Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3; Consideration of Approval of Transfer of Licenses

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Application for indirect transfer of licenses; opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) received and is considering approval of an application filed by Arizona Public Service Company (APS), on behalf of Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), Troy ParentCo LLC (Troy ParentCo), and their corporate affiliates (together, Applicants), on April 24, 2026. The application seeks NRC approval of the indirect transfer of PNM's co-ownership of the Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–41, NPF–51, and NPF–74 for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (Palo Verde), Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively, as well as the associated general license for the Palo Verde Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) (together, the facility). The transfer is being requested so that PNM can complete a transaction pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated May 18, 2025, between Troy ParentCo, Troy Merger Sub Inc., and TXNM Energy, Inc. (''TXNM'') (the ''Merger Agreement'').

DATES: Submit comments July 6, 2026. A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed by June 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website:

- *Federal rulemaking website:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2026–2575. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301–415–1003; email: *Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov.* For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.
- *Email comments to: Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov.* If you do not receive an automatic email reply confirming receipt, then contact us at 301–415–1677.
- *Fax comments to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301–415–1101.
- *Mail comments to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.
- *Hand deliver comments to:* 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. eastern time (ET) Federal workdays; telephone: 301–415–1677.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see ''Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments'' in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason Drake, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–8378; email: *Jason.Drake@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2026–2575 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2026–2575.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at *https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* To begin the search, select ''Begin ADAMS Public Search.'' For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, at 301–415–4737, or by email to *PDR.Resource@nrc.gov.* The license transfer application is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML26114A391.
- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to *PDR.Resource@nrc.gov* or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (*https://www.regulations.gov*). Please include Docket ID NRC–2026–1618 in your comment submission.

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