

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2026–3301]

**Draft Regulatory Guide:
Comprehensive Risk Metrics and
Associated Risk Performance
Objectives for Commercial Nuclear
Plants****AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Draft guide; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft Regulatory Guide (DG), 1443, proposed Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.263, Revision 0, “Comprehensive Risk Metrics and Associated Risk Performance Objectives for Commercial Nuclear Plants.” This DG describes approaches that are acceptable to the staff of the NRC for developing comprehensive risk metrics (CRMs) and associated risk performance objectives (RPOs).

DATES: Submit comments by September 21, 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.

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–2026–3301. 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 Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Mail Stop: TWFN–5–A85, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, ATTN: Guidance and Publications Branch.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments***A. Obtaining Information*

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2026–3301 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–2026–3301.

- *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. DG–1443, proposed RG 1.263, Revision 0, “Comprehensive Risk Metrics and Associated Risk Performance Objectives for Commercial Nuclear Plants,” is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML26100A075.

- *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–2026–3301 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. Additional Information

The NRC is issuing for public comment a DG 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 agency’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 DG, entitled “Comprehensive Risk Metrics and Associated Risk Performance Objectives for Commercial Nuclear Plants,” is temporarily identified by its task number, DG–1443.

This DG provides the NRC staff’s guidance on developing CRMs and RPOs to support a technology-inclusive, risk-informed, and performance-based approach to the design and operation of commercial nuclear plants under part 53 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Risk-Informed, Technology-Inclusive Regulatory Framework for Commercial Nuclear Plants.”

The staff is also issuing for public comment a draft regulatory analysis (ADAMS Accession No. ML26091A250). The staff developed a regulatory analysis to assess the value of issuing or revising a regulatory guide as well as alternative courses of action.

III. Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

Issuance of DG–1443, if finalized, would 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”; affect issue finality of any approval issued under 10 CFR part 52, “Licenses, Certificates, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants”; or constitute forward fitting as defined in MD 8.4, because, as explained in this DG, licensees would not be required to comply with the positions set forth in this DG.

IV. 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.

V. Executive Order (E.O.) 12866

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

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

Dated: August 18, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Nicholee Valentine,

Chief, Guidance and Publication Branch, Division of Guidance, Rulemaking, Economic Analysis, and Technical Editing, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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[Docket Nos. 30-39013, 30-38619, 50-305, 50-320, 72-64, 72-80, 11005620 and 11005897; NRC-2026-2707]

EnergySolutions, LLC and Bridgepoint Group, PLC; Approval of Transfer of Licenses

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Order; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an order approving the indirect transfer of control of Radioactive Materials License No. 39-35044-01, License Nos. DPR-43, DPR-73, and Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation general license No. 40, as well as Export Licenses XW010 and XW018 from EnergySolutions, LLC to ECP VI, LLC and its ultimate parent, Bridgepoint Group, PLC. The indirect transfer reflects an upstream change in ownership of the holding company of Energy Solutions.

DATES: The order was issued on August 12, 2026, and was effective upon issuance.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2026-2707 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 <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-2707. 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.

- *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 application for the indirect transfer order is available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML26117A088 and ML26210A266. The order approving the indirect transfer of licenses is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML26210A367.

- *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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Order is attached.

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

Dated: August 17, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Candace Spore,

Acting Director, Division of Decommissioning, Closure, Analysis, and Financial Oversight, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

Attachment—Order Approving the Direct Transfer of License

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of Energy Solutions, LLC, Kewaunee Power Station 305, Three Mile Island, Unit 2, EAF-NMSS-2026-0068; Docket Nos.: 30-39013, 30-38619, 50-320, 72-64, 72-80, 11005620 and 11005897,

License Nos.: 39-35044-01, DPR-43, DPR-73, SFGL 40, XW010 and XW018

Order Approving Transfer of Licenses

I.

EnergySolutions, LLC (EnergySolutions) is the holder of Radioactive Materials License No. 39-35044-01. Kewaunee Solutions, Inc. is the holder of License No. DPR-43 and the associated Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) general license No. 40. TMI-2 Solutions, LLC is the holder of License No. DPR-73. EnergySolutions Services, Inc. is the holder of Export Licenses XW010 and XW018. Radioactive Materials License No. 39-35044-01 allows EnergySolutions to provide support for a variety of possible work scope activities. License No. DPR-43 and ISFSI general license No. 40 authorizes Kewaunee Solutions, Inc. to carry out decommissioning activities and to possess the spent nuclear fuel stored at Kewaunee Power Station (Kewaunee). License No. DPR-73 authorizes TMI-2 Solutions, LLC to carry out decommissioning activities at Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (TMI-2), including activities associated with a general licensed ISFSI currently under construction. Export License XW010 authorizes EnergySolutions Services, Inc. to return radioactive materials to Canada, and Export License XW018 authorizes EnergySolutions Services, Inc. to return radioactive materials to Germany.

II.

By application dated April 24, 2026 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML26117A088), as supplemented on July 29, 2026 (ADAMS Accession No. ML26210A266), EnergySolutions requested on behalf of itself, its wholly owned subsidiaries as well as ECP VI, LLC ("ECP") and its ultimate parent, Bridgepoint Group, PLC ("Bridgepoint") (collectively, the Applicants) that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) consent to the indirect transfer of control of Radioactive Materials License No. 39-35044-01, License No. DPR-43, ISFSI general license No. 40 and, License No. DPR-73 as well as Export Licenses XW010 and XW018 (collectively, the licenses). Specifically, the Applicants requested that the NRC consent to the indirect transfer of control of the Radioactive materials license, NRC reactor licenses, ISFSI general license and export licenses held by EnergySolutions, LLC; Kewaunee Solutions, Inc.; TMI-2 Solutions, LLC; and EnergySolutions Services, Inc (collectively, the Licensees).

This license transfer application was submitted to the NRC for approval under Section 184, "Inalienability of Licenses," of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), and Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 30.34, "Terms and conditions of licenses" 50.80, "Transfer of licenses", 72.50, "Transfer of licenses," and 10 CFR 110.50, "Terms." Notice of the receipt of the license transfer application and opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene was published in the **Federal Register** on June 6, 2026 (91 FR 36169). The supplemental letter,