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#### B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC 2026-3268 in your comment submission.

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## II. Discussion

The NRC is anticipating a high volume of license applications for new and advanced reactors. Many new applications are expected to leverage risk assessments to establish the safety of facility designs that can be operated without undue risk to the health and safety of the public. This ISG will supplement existing guidance to support staff in assessing how risk information is used in applications, determining the acceptability of risk assessments, and integrating risk insights into licensing decisions.

The NRC has historically recognized the value of risk assessment in regulatory decision making, as reflected in the Commission's Final Policy Statement on Use of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Methods in Nuclear Regulatory Activities (60 FR 42622). Many of the concepts and terms related to using PRAs, risk insights, and risk-

informed processes in regulatory activities are described in the Commission Staff Requirements Memorandum, SRM-SECY-98-144, "Staff Requirements—SECY-98-144—White Paper on Risk-Informed and Performance-Based Regulation." Implementing the use of PRA methods has been supported by the issuance of regulatory guidance, including Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.174, which describes an approach for using PRA in risk-informed decisions on plant-specific changes to the licensing basis, and RGs 1.200 and 1.247 (for trial use), which provided guidance on acceptability of PRAs for light-water reactors (LWRs) and non-LWRs, respectively.

This ISG provides staff guidance on evaluating risk assessment methods, including PRAs and SREs. This ISG provides guidance on evaluating the characteristics and attributes of a risk assessment using a flexible approach that can accommodate a range of risk-informed applications. This ISG builds upon, and aligns with, the risk-informed decision-making principles of RG 1.174 to consider a risk assessment along with other factors to determine its acceptability in the context of its uses to support an application. This ISG leverages the high-level approach discussed in RGs 1.200 and 1.247 (for trial use) and considers acceptability of a risk assessment in terms of establishing the analysis scope, providing an adequate level of detail, demonstrating use of acceptable methods, and ensuring representation of the facility. While these considerations were identified in the context of development of a PRA guided by a consensus standard, the same considerations can be broadly applied to other risk assessment methods.

This ISG is applicable to the review of applications for permits and licenses that submit risk-informed, performance-based applications for construction permits (CPs) or operating licenses (OLs) under part 50 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR); for combined operating licenses (COLs), standard design approvals (SDAs), design certifications (DCs) or manufacturing licenses (MLs) under 10 CFR part 52; or CP, OL, COL, custom COL, SDA, DC, or ML under 10 CFR part 53.

## III. Executive Order (E.O.) 12866

The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs determined that draft ISG, "Acceptability of Risk Assessments for Risk-Informed Decision-Making for Regulatory Applications," is not a

significant regulatory action under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: August 19, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Mehdi Reisi Fard,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-325, 50-324, 50-400, 50-261, and 72-3; NRC-2026-3928]

### Duke Energy Progress, LLC; Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2, Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1, H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2, H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2 Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; Consideration of Approval of Transfer of Licenses and Conforming Amendments

**AGENCY**: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION**: Application for direct 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 Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) on March 20, 2026. The application seeks NRC approval of the direct transfer of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-71 and DPR-62 for Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2, respectively; Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-63 for Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1; Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-23 for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2; and Renewed Materials License No. SNM-2502 for the H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2 Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, currently held by DEP, to DEC and issuance of conforming license amendments.

**DATES**: Submit comments by September 21, 2026. A request for a hearing must be filed by September 10, 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–2026–3928. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301–415–1003; email: [Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov](mailto:Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual(s) 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 the Office of the Secretary 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:**

Robert Fisher, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–6328; email: [Robert.Fisher@nrc.gov](mailto:Robert.Fisher@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

*A. Obtaining Information*

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2026–3928 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–2026–3928.

- *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](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov). The license transfer application is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML26079A150.

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**II. Introduction**

The NRC is considering the issuance of an order under sections 50.80 and 72.50 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), approving the direct transfer of control of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–71 and DPR–62 for Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2, respectively; Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF–63 for Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1; Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR–23 for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2; and Renewed Materials License No. SNM–2502 for the H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2 Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, currently held by DEP. The transfer would be to DEC. The NRC is also considering issuing conforming amendments to reflect the proposed transfer.

No physical changes to the facilities or operational changes are being

proposed in the license transfer application.

The NRC’s regulations at 10 CFR 50.80 and 10 CFR 72.50 state that no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the direct transfer of a license if the Commission determines that the proposed transferee is qualified to hold the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission.

Before issuance of the proposed conforming license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission’s regulations.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.1315, unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility or the license of an independent spent fuel storage installation that does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves, respectively, no significant hazards consideration, or no genuine issue as to whether the health and safety of the public will be significantly affected. No contrary determination has been made with respect to this specific application. In light of the generic determination reflected in 10 CFR 2.1315, no public comments with respect to significant hazards considerations are being solicited, notwithstanding the general comment procedures contained in 10 CFR 50.91

**III. Opportunity To Comment**

Within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, persons may submit written comments regarding the license transfer application, as provided for in 10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted as described in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

**IV. Opportunity To Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave To Intervene**

Within 20 days after the date of publication of this notice, any person (petitioner) whose interest may be affected by this action may file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition) with respect to the action. Petitions shall be filed in

accordance with the Commission's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult 10 CFR 2.309. If a petition is filed, the Commission or a presiding officer will rule on the petition and, if appropriate, a notice of a hearing will be issued.

Petitions must be filed no later than 20 days from the date of publication of this notice in accordance with the filing instructions in the "Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)" section of this document. Petitions and motions for leave to file new or amended contentions that are filed after the deadline will not be entertained absent a determination by the presiding officer that the filing demonstrates good cause by satisfying the three factors in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i) through (iii).

A State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof, may submit a petition to the Commission to participate as a party under 10 CFR 2.309(h) no later than 20 days from the date of publication of this notice. Alternatively, a State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof, may participate as a non-party under 10 CFR 2.315(c).

For information about filing a petition and about participation by a person not a party under 10 CFR 2.315, see ADAMS Accession No. ML20340A053 (<https://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/webSearch2/main.jsp?AccessionNumber=ML20340A053>) and the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory/hearing.html#participate>).

#### V. Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings, including documents filed by an interested State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof that requests to participate under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302. The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve all adjudicatory documents over the internet, or in some cases, to mail copies on electronic storage media, unless an exemption permitting an alternative filing method, as further discussed, is granted. Detailed guidance on electronic submissions is located in the "Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC" (ADAMS Accession No. ML13031A056), and on the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>).

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 10

days prior to the filing deadline, the participant should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at [Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov](mailto:Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov), or by telephone at 301-415-1677, to: (1) request a digital identification (ID) certificate which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign submissions and access the E-Filing system for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant will be submitting a petition or other adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

Information about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html>). After a digital ID certificate is obtained and a docket is created, the participant must submit adjudicatory documents in the Portable Document Format. Guidance on submissions is available on the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/electronic-sub-ref-mat.html>). A filing is considered complete at the time the document is submitted through the NRC's E-Filing system. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the E-Filing system no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an email confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email that provides access to the document to the NRC's Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the document on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before adjudicatory documents are filed in order to obtain access to the documents via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically using the NRC's adjudicatory E-Filing system may seek assistance by contacting the NRC's Electronic Filing Help Desk through the "Contact Us" link located on the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>), by email to [MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov), or by a toll-free call at 1-866-672-7640. The NRC

Electronic Filing Help Desk is available between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Participants who believe that they have good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file an exemption request, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing stating why there is good cause for not filing electronically and requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(b)-(d). Participants filing adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving their documents on all other participants. Participants granted an exemption under 10 CFR 2.302(g)(2) must still meet the electronic formatting requirement in 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1), unless the participant also seeks and is granted an exemption from 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1).

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket, which is publicly available on the NRC's public website (<https://ehd.nrc.gov>), unless otherwise excluded pursuant to an order of the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC issued digital ID certificate as previously described, click "cancel" when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC's electronic hearing docket where you will be able to access any publicly available documents in a particular hearing docket. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information such as social security numbers, home addresses, or personal phone numbers in their filings unless an NRC regulation or other law requires submission of such information. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, participants should not include copyrighted materials in their submission.

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the **Federal Register** and served on the parties to the hearing.

For further details with respect to this application, see the application dated March 20, 2026 (ADAMS Accession No. ML26079A150).

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

Dated: August 19, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
**Robert Fisher,**  
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*Branch II, Division of Licensing Project 1,*  
*Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2026-0001]

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** Weeks of August 24, 31, and September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026. The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the internet at: <https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

**PLACE:** The NRC provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in these public meetings or need this meeting notice or the transcript or other information from the public meetings in another format (e.g., braille, large print), please contact the Reasonable Accommodations Resource by email at [Reasonable\\_Accommodations.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:Reasonable_Accommodations.Resource@nrc.gov). Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

**STATUS:** Public and closed.

Members of the public may request to receive the information in these notices electronically. If you would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555, at 301-415-1969, or by email at [Betty.Thweatt@nrc.gov](mailto:Betty.Thweatt@nrc.gov) or [Samantha.Miklaszewski@nrc.gov](mailto:Samantha.Miklaszewski@nrc.gov).

### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

#### Week of August 24, 2026—Tentative

*Wednesday, August 26, 2026*

9:00 a.m. Proposed Changes to the Design Basis Threat (Closed Ex. 1)

#### Week of August 31, 2026—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of August 31, 2026.

#### Week of September 7, 2026—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 7, 2026.

#### Week of September 14, 2026—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 14, 2026.

#### Week of September 21, 2026—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 21, 2026.

#### Week of September 28, 2026—Tentative

*Tuesday, September 29, 2026*

10:00 a.m. All Employees Meeting (Public Meeting) (Contact: Wesley Held: 301-287-3591)

**Additional Information:** The meeting will be held in the TWFN Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The public is invited to attend the Commission's meeting in person or watch live via webcast at the Web address—<https://video.nrc.gov/>.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Wesley Held at 301-287-3591 or via email at [Wesley.Held@nrc.gov](mailto:Wesley.Held@nrc.gov).

The NRC is holding the meetings under the authority of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: August 19, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Yanely Malave Velez,**

*Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2026-349 and K2026-343; MC2026-350 and K2026-344]

### 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:* August 26, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://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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### I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (<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 3011.301.<sup>1</sup>

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such 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 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established. Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request's

<sup>1</sup> See Docket No. RM2018-3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19-22 (Order No. 4679).