

Week of September 21, 2026

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

Week of September 28, 2026—Tentative

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

9:30 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/>.

Week of October 5, 2026—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 5, 2026.

Week of October 12, 2026—Tentative

Thursday, October 15, 2026

9:00 a.m. CDT Nuclear Regulatory
Commission Reorganization First
100 Days: Enhancing Reactor and
Materials Oversight Integration and
Performance (Public Meeting),
(Contact: Wesley Held: 301-287-
3591)

Additional Information: The meeting will be held in the NRC Region IV offices at 1600 East Lamar Boulevard, Arlington, Texas 76011-4511. 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/>.

Week of October 19, 2026—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 19, 2026.

Week of October 26, 2026—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 26, 2026.

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.

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

Dated: September 18, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Wesley W. Held,

Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.
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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION**

[NRC-2024-0110]

**Regulatory Guides: Design-Basis
Floods for Nuclear Power Plants and
Guidance for Assessment of Flooding
Hazards Due to Water Control
Structure Failures and Incidents**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Final guide, issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing two related Regulatory Guides (RGs), namely RG 1.59, Revision 3, "Design-Basis Floods for Nuclear Power Plants," and RG 1.256, Revision 0, "Guidance for Assessment of Flooding Hazards due to Water Control Structure Failures and Incidents." RG 1.59 provides guidance for applicants for new nuclear power plants on acceptable methods for evaluating design-basis floods and RG 1.256 provides guidance for applicants on methods for evaluating flooding hazards due to failure or other incidents at man-made water control structures including, but not limited to, dams and levees.

DATES: RG 1.59, Revision 3 and RG 1.256, Revision 0 are available on September 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2024-0110 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding these documents. You may obtain publicly available information related to these documents using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2024-0110. 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 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.

- *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.

RG 1.59, Revision 3 and its regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19289E563. RG 1.256, Revision 0 and its regulatory analysis may be found at ML22278A111.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Discussion**

The NRC is issuing two related RGs 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 uses in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

RG 1.59, Revision 3, reflects lessons learned from the review of large light water nuclear power plant applications under part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) since the issuance of RG 1.59, Revision 2, in August 1977, as well as additional lessons learned from staff reviews of licensees' responses to the NRC's "Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident." The body of this RG applies to large light water reactors. In view of the emerging innovations taking place in nuclear engineering science, Appendix K is presented as an alternative approach for advanced reactors, which may be used in conjunction with the guidance in RG 1.247, "Acceptability of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Non-Light

Water Reactor Risk-Informed Activities.”

RG 1.256, Revision 0 provides guidance to applicants for new nuclear power plants on acceptable methods for evaluating design-basis flooding hazards due to failure or other incidents at man-made water control structures including, but not limited to, dams and levees. The RG was developed primarily for use by new nuclear power plant applicants, but current licensees may also find it useful. It incorporates NRC interim staff guidance JLD-ISC-2013-01 “Guidance for Assessment of Flooding Hazards Due to Dam Failure,” into the NRC’s regulatory framework. Upon issuance of Revision 0 of RG 1.256, JLD-2013-01 will be withdrawn.

II. Additional Information

The two RGs were released for public comment via a notice in the **Federal Register** on July 15, 2024 (89 FR 57372) as Draft Guide (DG)-1290, Revision 1 for RG 1.59, Revision 3, and DG-1417 for RG 1.256, Revision 0. The comment period was originally for 30 days and was subsequently extended to September 13, 2024. Comments were received from the Nuclear Energy Institute. The comments on DG-1290, Revision 1 and the staff response to them are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML26246A471. The comments on DG-1417 and the staff response to them are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML26258A151.

III. Congressional Review Act

These RGs are both considered to be 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 them to be a major rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act.

IV. Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

The NRC staff may use RG 1.59, Revision 3, and RG 1.256, Revision 0, as references in its regulatory processes, such as licensing, inspection, or enforcement. However, the NRC staff does not intend to use the guidance in RG 1.59 and RG 1.256 to support NRC staff actions in a manner that would constitute backfitting as that term is 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,” (ADAMS Accession No. ML18093B087); nor does the NRC staff intend to use the guidance to affect the issue finality of an approval under 10 CFR part 52,

“Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants.” The staff also does not intend to use the guidance to support NRC staff actions in a manner that constitutes forward fitting as that term is defined and described in MD 8.4. If a licensee believes that the NRC is using these RGs in a manner inconsistent with the discussion in this Implementation section, then the licensee may file a backfitting or forward fitting appeal with the NRC in accordance with the process in MD 8.4.

V. Submitting Suggestions for Improvement of Regulatory Guides

A member of the public may, at any time, submit suggestions to the NRC for the 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.

VI. Executive Order (E.O.) 12866

The Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs determined that RG 1.59, Revision 3 and RG 1.256, Revision 0 are not a significant regulatory action under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: September 17, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Nicholee Valentine,

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

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2026–1552]

Information Collection: Criteria for Guidance of States and NRC in Discontinuance of NRC Regulatory Authority and Assumption Thereof by States Through Agreement, Maintenance of Existing Agreement State Programs, Requests for Information Through the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) Questionnaire, and Agreement State Participation in IMPEP

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Renewal of existing information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, “Criteria for Guidance of States and NRC in Discontinuance of NRC Regulatory Authority and Assumption Thereof by States Through Agreement,” Maintenance of Existing Agreement State Programs, Requests for Information Through the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) Questionnaire, and Agreement State Participation in IMPEP.

DATES: Submit comments by November 23, 2026. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by NRC–2026–1552, electronically through the Federal rulemaking website.

• *Federal rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2026–1552. 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.

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:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2026–1552 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–2026–1552. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID NRC–2026–1552 on this website.