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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0220 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publically-available information related to this document by the following methods:

- Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0220.

- 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. The DG is electronically available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML15061A048.

- 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.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2015-0220 in the subject line of 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 <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enters 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 submissions. 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 and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The DG, entitled, "Seismic Design Classification for Nuclear Power Plants," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1315. DG-1315 is proposed revision 5 of RG 1.29. The guide describes a method that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for use in identifying and classifying those features of LWR nuclear power plants that must be designed to withstand the effects of the SSE.

This DG does not present new regulatory requirements, but is intended to clarify content in Section C, "Staff Regulatory Guidance," by (1) addition of a reference to the definition of the reactor coolant pressure boundary in section 50.2 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), and (2) a reorganization of systems and subsystems to add clarity to the staff guidance. It also adds a reference to a related international standard, and it was reformatted to align with current program guidance for regulatory guides.

III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

DG-1315 describes a method that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for use in identifying and classifying those features of LWR nuclear power plants that must be designed to withstand the effects of the SSE. Issuance of this DG, if finalized, would not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (the Backfit Rule) and would not otherwise be inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. As discussed in the "Implementation" section of this DG, the NRC has no current intention to impose this guided,

if finalized, on holders of current operating licenses or combined licenses.

This DG may be applied to applications for operating licenses, combined licenses, early site permits, and certified design rules docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance of the final regulatory guide, as well as future applications submitted after the issuance of the 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 14th day of September, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2015-0102]

Information Collection: Destinations of Released Patients Following Treatment with Iodine-131 and Estimation of Doses to Members of the Public at Locations Other Than Conventional Residences Receiving Such Patients

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted a proposed collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The information collection is entitled, "Destinations of Released Patients Following Treatment with Iodine-131 and Estimation of Doses to Members of the Public at Locations other than Conventional Residences Receiving Such Patients."

DATES: Submit comments by October 19, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments directly to OMB reviewer at: Vlad Dorjets, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-XXXX), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503;

telephone: 202-395-7315, email: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tremaine Donnell, Office of Information Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6258; email: INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0102 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 Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0102. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID NRC-2015-0102 on this Web site.
- 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. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML15209A593. The supporting statement available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML15209A605.

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- NRC's Clearance Officer: A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting NRC's Clearance Officer, Tremaine Donnell, Office of Information Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6258; email: INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.

B. Submitting Comments

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comment submission. All comment submissions are posted at <http://www.regulations.gov> and entered into ADAMS. Comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove identifying or contact information.

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II. Background

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC recently submitted a proposed collection of information to OMB for review entitled, "Destinations of Released Patients Following Treatment with Iodine-131 and Estimation of Doses to Members of the Public at Locations other than Conventional Residences Receiving Such Patients." The NRC hereby informs potential responses that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The NRC published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 (80 FR 28715).

1. *The title of the information collection:* Destinations of Released Patients Following Treatment with Iodine-131 and Estimation of Doses to Members of the Public at Locations other than Conventional Residences Receiving Such Patients.

2. *OMB approval number:* An OMB control number has not yet been assigned to this proposed information collection.

3. *Type of submission:* New.

4. *The form number, if applicable:* N/A.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* One-time.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Institutions that treat thyroid cancer patients with I-131 and the thyroid cancer patients who have been treated.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 5,175 (175 for treating institutions and 5000 for individuals).

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 5,175.

9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 1,675 (175 hours for treating institution and 1500 hours for individuals).

10. *Abstract:* Although most patients return to their home after receiving diagnostic or therapeutic of Iodine-131, some patients released by the licensee may stay at another location (such as a hotel) for a few days. However, the extent of this practice is unclear. The same uncertainty exists regarding patients returning to nursing homes and other institutional settings. Therefore, one of the main objectives of this study is to obtain reliable statistical data that provides good estimates of the prevalence of these practices. The second objective is to determine, by measurements, the external and internal doses received by members of the general public at hotels, nursing homes, or other institutional settings that receive treated patients immediately after their release.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of September, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Tremaine Donnell,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2015-0214]

Independent Assessment of Nuclear Material Control and Accounting Systems

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft regulatory guide; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-5049, "Independent Assessment of Nuclear Material Control and Accounting Systems." This DG provides guidance from experience gained since the regulatory guide was initially published in June 1975. In particular, the guidance for performing independent assessments has been expanded to include process monitoring and item monitoring for Category I fuel cycle facilities, and to include guidance for uranium enrichment facilities. In addition, this revision addresses changes in Material Control & Accounting (MC&A) terminology; for