

06 and (2) notify addressees of NRC's decision to change the operator licensing process so that facility licensees may voluntarily prepare the operating tests and prepare, administer, and grade the written examinations that the NRC will review, approve, and use to determine the competence of operator license applicants at power reactor facilities. This generic letter requests that addressees who are scheduled for initial operator licensing examinations and are interested in voluntarily preparing the examinations as described in the generic letter supplement to contact their NRC Regional Office to make the necessary arrangements. This generic letter supplement is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9701310141.

DATES: The generic letter was issued on January 31, 1997.

ADDRESSEES: Not applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart Richards at (301) 415-1031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The actions requested in this generic letter are considered voluntary.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of February, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David B. Matthews,

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Regulatory Analysis Technical Evaluation Handbook; Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announces the availability of "Regulatory Analysis Technical Evaluation Handbook", (NUREG/BR-0184). This document is a Handbook to be used by the NRC and its contractors in the preparation of regulatory analyses to aid NRC decision-makers in deciding whether a proposed new regulatory requirement should be imposed. In addition, it is anticipated that the Handbook will be useful to the Agreement States in their assessment of new regulatory requirements. The Handbook is an updated and revised version of an earlier document, "A Handbook for Value-Impact Assessment" (NUREG/CR-3568), issued by the NRC in 1983.

The 1983 document is being updated in this Handbook to accomplish the following objectives:

- To reflect the content of NRC's Regulatory Analysis Guidelines, NUREG/BR-0058, Rev. 2, issued in November 1995.

- To expand the scope of the Handbook to include the entire regulatory analysis process and to address facilities other than power reactors.

- To reflect NRC experience and improvements in data and methodology since the 1983 Handbook was issued.

- To reflect the guidance in the 1996 document "Economic Analysis of Federal Regulations Under Executive Order 12866". This document was prepared by a Federal interagency regulatory working group convened by the Office of Management and Budget.

NRC obtained peer review comments on the draft Handbook from the following organizations: Westinghouse Savannah River Co., Brookhaven National Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory, and Science and Engineering Associates, Inc. The comments of these organizations are reflected in the Handbook. The draft version of the Handbook has also been used by NRC staff members since September 1993 and staff comments have been incorporated. A draft version of the Handbook was made available to the public in September 1993 (58 FR 47160) but comments were not specifically requested.

The Handbook is being issued in loose-leaf format to facilitate future revisions. NRC intends to periodically revise the Handbook as new and improved guidance, data, and methods become available. Comments on the Handbook from users and the public are welcome at any time. In particular, the NRC is requesting comments from the Agreement States on the Handbook's value in preparing regulatory documents for state rulemaking actions. Comments should be submitted to: Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publication Services, Mail Stop T-6 D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Copies of NUREG/BR-0184 may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328. Copies are also available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. A copy is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20037.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of December, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Deputy Director, Division of Regulatory Applications.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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List of Foreign Issuers Which Have Submitted Information Required by the Exemption Relating to Certain Foreign Securities

February 4, 1997.

Foreign private issuers with total assets in excess of \$10,000,000 and a class of equity securities held of record by 500 or more persons, of which 300 or more shareholders reside in the United States, are subject to registration under Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.* (the "Act").¹

Rule 12g3-2(b) (17 CFR 240.12g3-2(b)) provides an exemption from registration under Section 12(g) of the Act with respect to a foreign private issuer that submits on a current basis material specified in the Rule to the Commission. Such required material includes that information about which investors ought reasonably to be informed with respect to the issuer and its subsidiaries and which the issuer (1) has made or is required to make public pursuant to the law of the country of its domicile or in which it is incorporated or organized, (2) has filed or is required to file with a stock exchange on which its securities are traded and which was made public by such exchange and/or (3) has distributed or is required to distribute to its security holders.

On October 6, 1983, the Commission revised Rule 12g3-2(b) by terminating the availability of the exemptive rule for certain foreign issuers with securities quoted on an automated inter-dealer quotation system (which includes the NASDAQ stock market).² The Commission grandfathered indefinitely securities of non-Canadian issuers in compliance with the information-supplying exemption as of October 6, 1983 and quoted in NASDAQ on that

¹ Foreign issuers may also be subject to such requirements of the Act by reason of having securities registered and listed on a national securities exchange in the United States, and may be subject to the reporting requirements by reason of having registered securities under the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*

² Exchange Act Release No. 20264 (Oct. 6, 1983).