

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1094 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide) has been developed to provide a comprehensive fire protection guidance document, and to identify the scope and depth of fire protection that the staff has determined to be acceptable for operating nuclear plants. This guide may be used for licensee self-assessments and as the deterministic basis for future rulemaking. This guide has been developed from a compilation of fire protection regulations, generic communications, Branch Technical Positions, and other NRC guidance. In addition, as appropriate, new guidance is provided where the existing guidance is weak or non-existent. The specific NRC fire protection requirements applicable to any given operating reactor are a function of licensing dates, specific license conditions, rule applicability statements, approved exemptions/deviations, and individual plant Safety Evaluation Reports (SERs). It is not possible to capture in a single guide all the compliance alternatives that have been previously accepted by the NRC for a given plant. This guide presents the best available methods for meeting fire protection requirements and objectives that are acceptable to the Commission, and will be used in the evaluation of fire protection programs for operating nuclear power plants. Nothing in this guide prohibits a licensee from proposing an alternative method(s) for complying with specified portions of the Commission's regulations.

The draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to David L. Meyers, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments will be most helpful if received by January 7, 2000.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's Technical Conference website (<http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/topics>). For information contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. E.A. Connell, (301) 415-2838; e-mail EAC@nrc.gov.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Public Availability of Agency Inventories Under the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-270) ("FAIR Act")

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of Public Availability of Commercial Activities Inventories.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) hereby announces that the FAIR Act Commercial Activities Inventories are now available to the public from the agencies listed below.

The "Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998" (Public Law 105-270) ("FAIR Act") requires that OMB publish an announcement of public availability of agency Commercial Activities Inventories upon completion of OMB's review and consultation process concerning the agencies' inventory submissions. OMB has completed this process for the agencies listed below. Further announcements will be published as OMB completes the review process for additional agencies. Commercial Activities Inventories are now available from the following agencies:

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