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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of May, 2006.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public comment a draft of a revised guide in the agency's Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been 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 problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.193, "ASME Code Cases Not Approved for Use," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1135, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. Like its predecessors, this proposed revision lists the Code Cases that the NRC has determined are not acceptable for generic use as specified in Section III, "Rules for Construction of Nuclear Power Plant Components," and Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components," of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel (BPV) Code promulgated by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). (In so doing, this guide complements Revision 34 of Regulatory Guide 1.84, "Design, Fabrication, and Materials Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section III," and Revision 15 of Regulatory Guide 1.147, "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section XI, Division 1," which list the Code Cases that the NRC has determined to be acceptable alternatives to applicable provisions of Section III and Section XI, respectively.)

Licensees may request NRC approval to implement one or more of the Code Cases listed in Revision 2 of Regulatory

Guide 1.193, as provided in 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3), which permits the use of alternatives to the Code requirements referenced in 10 CFR 50.55a, provided that the proposed alternatives result in an acceptable level of quality and safety. To do so, a licensee must submit a plant-specific request that addresses the NRC's concern about the given Code Case.

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1135, and comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Please mention DG-1135 in the subject line of your comments. Comments on this draft regulatory guide submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). Personal information will not be removed from your comments. You may submit comments by any of the following methods.

Mail comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

E-mail comments to: [NRCREP@nrc.gov](mailto:NRCREP@nrc.gov). You may also submit comments via the NRC's rulemaking Web site at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>. Address questions about our rulemaking Web site to Carol A. Gallagher (301) 415-5905; e-mail [CAG@nrc.gov](mailto:CAG@nrc.gov).

Hand-deliver comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

Fax comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

Requests for technical information about Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1135 may be directed to Wallace E. Norris, at (301) 415-6796 or [WEN@nrc.gov](mailto:WEN@nrc.gov).

Comments would be most helpful if received by July 14, 2006. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, 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.

Electronic copies of the draft regulatory guide are available through the NRC's public Web site under Draft Regulatory Guides in the Regulatory Guides document collection of the

NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies are also available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, under Accession #ML061210425.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), which is located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland; the PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4205, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to [PDR@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR@nrc.gov). Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section; by e-mail to [DISTRIBUTION@nrc.gov](mailto:DISTRIBUTION@nrc.gov); or by fax to (301) 415-2289. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

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**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Guilford, Center for Leadership and Executive Resources Policy, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, 202-606-1391.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between April 1, 2006, and April 30, 2006. Future notices will be