

PWROG views changes in Addendum A substantial enough to warrant an extension of the public review period. Accordingly, we request a 60-day extension to the current review period."

#### Response to Request

The request for an extension to the comment period is approved for 30 days.

The staff understands that ASME/ANS is working on an initial addendum (i.e., Addendum A) to Revision 1 of the ASME/ANS PRA Standard (RA-S-2008). However, at this time, Addendum A has not been approved by ASME/ANS, and consequently is not available to the public. Since the ASME/ANS ballot period has not closed, it is not known if there will be sufficient positive ballots approving Addendum A. Consequently, it is uncertain if and when ASME/ANS will issue Addendum A, and therefore, be available to the public. A 60-day extension to the public comment period for DG 1200 will impact the December 2008 publication date of Revision 2 of RG 1.200. With the uncertainty associated with the issuance of Addendum A of the ASME/ANS PRA standard, the staff does not support an extension of the comment period to DG 1200 that would impact the schedule for publishing Revision 2 to RG 1.200. However, the staff agrees with the PWROG with regard to the importance of Addendum A. The staff understands from ASME that the ballot closes September 12, 2008, at which time the status of Addendum A will be known. A 30-day extension to the comment period of DG 1200 will enable the staff to meet the publication schedule of December 2008 for Revision 2 to RG 1.200. Therefore, the staff is approving a 30-day extension to the public comment period, with the public comment period to end on September 24, 2008. Further, at that time, the status of Addendum A of the ASME/ANS PRA Standard will be known, and dependent on the content of Addendum A and the schedule for issuance, the staff may revisit the schedule for publishing Revision 2 of RG 1.200.

Requests for technical information about DG-1200 may be directed to the NRC contact, Mary Drouin at (301) 415-6675 or e-mail to [Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov](mailto:Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov).

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of August 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Office of New Reactors; Interim Staff Guidance on Assessment of Normal and Extreme Winter Precipitation Loads on the Roofs of Seismic Category I Structures

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is soliciting public comment on its Proposed Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) DC/COL-ISG-07 (ADAMS Accession No. ML081980084). The purpose of this ISG is to clarify the NRC position on identifying winter precipitation events as site characteristics and site parameters for determining normal and extreme winter precipitation loads on the roofs of Seismic Category I structures. This ISG revises the previously issued staff guidance in March 2007 in the Standard Review Plan (SRP) NUREG-0080, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants." The NRC staff issues DC/COL-ISGs to facilitate timely implementation of the current staff guidance and to facilitate activities associated with review of applications for design certifications (DCs) and combined licenses (COLs) by the Office of New Reactors. The NRC staff will also incorporate the approved DC/COL-ISG-007 into the next revision of the SRP and related guidance documents.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. 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:** Comments may be submitted to: Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments should be delivered to: 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room T-6D59, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Persons may also provide comments via e-mail at [charles.cox@nrc.gov](mailto:charles.cox@nrc.gov). The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC Public Document Room reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Charles R. Cox, Siting and Accident Consequence Branch, Division of Siting and Environmental Reviews, Office of the New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-2003 or e-mail at [charles.cox@nrc.gov](mailto:charles.cox@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agency posts its issued staff guidance in the agency external Web page (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isg/>).

The NRC staff is issuing this notice to solicit public comments on the proposed DC/COL-ISG-007. After the NRC staff considers any public comments, it will make a determination regarding the proposed DC/COL-ISG-007.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, the 15th day of August 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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