

based application (separate under graduate and graduate forms) and unless the user chooses to download the application form and other application materials and mail them in.

Data will be collected by means of a telephone survey with site directors and via paper surveys from applicants and participants and their parents.

### III. Data

*Title:* SEMAA (Science Engineering Mathematics and Aerospace Academy) Program Evaluation.

*OMB Number:* 2700-XXXX.

*Type of review:* New Collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2030.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 2.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.5 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2030 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$0.00.

### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

**Walter Kit,**

*NASA Clearance Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance and Availability of Draft Regulatory Guide (DG)-1205.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Khoi Nguyen, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: (301) 415-0701 or e-mail to [Khoi.Nguyen@nrc.gov](mailto:Khoi.Nguyen@nrc.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public comment a draft 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 regulatory guide (DG), entitled, "Bypassed and Inoperable Status Indication for Nuclear Power Plant Safety Systems," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1205, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-1205 is proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.47.

DG-1205 describes a method that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for use in complying with the NRC's regulations with respect to bypassed and inoperable status indication for nuclear power plant safety systems. The regulatory framework that the NRC has established for nuclear power plants consists of a number of regulations and supporting guidelines applicable to bypassed and inoperable status indication, including, but not limited to, General Design Criterion (GDC) 1, "Quality Standards and Records," GDC 13, "Instrumentation and Control," GDC 19, "Control Room," GDC 21, "Protection System Reliability and Testability," GDC 22, "Protection System Independence," and GDC 24, "Separation of Protection and Control Systems," as set forth in Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," to Title 10, Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR part 50). GDC 1 requires that structures, systems, and components important to safety be designed and installed to quality standards commensurate with the importance-to-safety of the functions to be performed. GDC 13 requires that appropriate controls be provided to maintain variables and systems that can affect the fission process, the integrity of the reactor core, the reactor coolant pressure boundary, and the containment and its associated systems within

prescribed operating ranges. GDC 19 requires that a control room be provided from which actions can be taken to operate the nuclear power unit safely under normal operating conditions. GDC 21 requires that the protection system be designed for high functional reliability and inservice testability. GDC 22 requires that the protection system be designed to ensure that the effects of normal operating, maintenance, and testing on redundant channels do not result in the loss of the protection function. GDC 24 requires that interconnection of the protection and control systems be limited to ensure that safety is not significantly impaired.

#### II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-1205. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data and should mention DG-1205 in the subject line. Comments 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:

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

2. *E-mail comments to:* [nrcprep.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:nrcprep.resource@nrc.gov).

3. *Hand-deliver comments to:* Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing 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.

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

Requests for technical information about DG-1205 may be directed to the NRC contact, Khoi Nguyen at (301) 415-0701 or e-mail to [Khoi.Nguyen@nrc.gov](mailto:Khoi.Nguyen@nrc.gov).

Comments would be most helpful if received by December 22, 2008.

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 DG-1205 are available through the NRC's public Web site under Draft Regulatory Guides in the "Regulatory Guides" collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies are also available in ADAMS (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>), under Accession No. ML082140114.

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.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17 day of October 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Andrea D. Valentin,**

*Chief, Regulatory Guide Development Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

*Extension:*

Rule 3a-8; SEC File No. 270-516; OMB Control No. 3235-0574.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit the existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 3a-8 (17 CFR 270.3a-8) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a) (the "Act"), serves as a nonexclusive safe harbor from investment company status for certain research and development companies ("R&D companies").

The rule requires that the board of directors of an R&D company seeking to rely on the safe harbor adopt an appropriate resolution evidencing that the company is primarily engaged in a non-investment business and record that resolution contemporaneously in its minute books or comparable documents.<sup>1</sup> An R&D company seeking to rely on the safe harbor must retain these records only as long as such records must be maintained in accordance with state law.

Rule 3a-8 contains an additional requirement that is also a collection of information within the meaning of the PRA. The board of directors of a company that relies on the safe harbor under rule 3a-8 must adopt a written policy with respect to the company's capital preservation investments. We expect that the board of directors will base its decision to adopt the resolution discussed above, in part, on investment guidelines that the company will follow to ensure its investment portfolio is in compliance with the rule's requirements.

The collection of information imposed by rule 3a-8 is voluntary because the rule is an exemptive safe harbor, and therefore, R&D companies may choose whether or not to rely on it. The purposes of the information collection requirements in rule 3a-8 are to ensure that: (i) The board of directors of an R&D company is involved in determining whether the company should be considered an investment company and subject to regulation under the Act, and (ii) adequate records are available for Commission review, if necessary. Rule 3a-8 would not require the reporting of any information or the filing of any documents with the Commission.

Commission staff estimates that there is no annual recordkeeping burden associated with the rule's requirements. Nevertheless, the Commission requests authorization to maintain an inventory of one burden hour for administrative purposes.

Commission staff estimates that approximately 500 R&D companies may rely on rule 3a-8. Given that the board resolutions and investment guidelines will generally need to be adopted only once (unless relevant circumstances change),<sup>2</sup> the Commission believes that all the companies that rely on rule 3a-8 adopted their board resolutions and established written investment

guidelines in 2003 when the rule was adopted. We expect that newly formed R&D companies would adopt the board resolution and investment guidelines simultaneously with their formation documents in the ordinary course of business.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, we estimate that rule 3a-8 will not create additional time burdens.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Lewis W. Walker, Acting Director/ CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

Dated: October 16, 2008.

**J. Lynn Taylor,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

*Extension:*

Rule 0-1, SEC File No. 270-472, OMB Control No. 3235-0531.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a

<sup>1</sup> Rule 3a-8(a)(6) (17 CFR 270.3a-8(6)).

<sup>2</sup> In the event of changed circumstances, the Commission believes that the board resolution and investment guidelines will be amended and recorded in the ordinary course of business and would not create additional time burdens.

<sup>3</sup> In order for these companies to raise sufficient capital to fund their product development stage, we believe they will need to present potential investors with investment guidelines. Investors would want to be assured that the company's funds are invested consistent with the goals of capital preservation and liquidity.