

STEM degree completion, and career choices. Research and demonstration projects also investigate effective practices for transitioning students with disabilities across critical academic junctures, retaining students in undergraduate and graduate STEM degree programs, and graduating students with STEM associate, baccalaureate and graduate degrees. Research, demonstration, and enrichment project results inform the delivery of innovative, transformative and successful practices employed by the Alliances for Students with Disabilities in STEM to increase the number of students with disabilities completing associate, undergraduate and graduate degrees in STEM and to increase the number of students with disabilities entering our nation's science and engineering workforce. RDE projects contribute to closing the gaps occurring for people with disabilities in STEM fields by successfully disseminating findings, project evaluation results, and proven good practices and products to the public.

The original information collection, approved by OMB in 1996, surveyed three groups of students: students with disabilities in STEM fields, student with disabilities in other fields, and students without disabilities in STEM fields. These data allowed NSF to understand more fully the population of students with disabilities in STEM fields and the issues they faced. The collection that will be submitted for reinstatement focuses more specifically on the outcomes of the RDE program, and how alliances and researchers receiving NSF RDE funding have improved the academic environment for students with disabilities. This information collection will consist of an on-line data instrument that RDE awardees will use to submit annual data on their project activities and participants, as well as future evaluation activities.

Use of the Information

This information is required for effective administration, communication, program and project monitoring and evaluation, and for measuring attainment of NSF's program, project and strategic goals, as required by the President's Management agenda as represented by the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) and the NSF's Strategic Plan. The Foundation's FY 2006–2011 Strategic Plan describes four strategic outcome goals of Discovery, Learning, Research Infrastructure, and Stewardship. NSF's complete strategic plan may be found at: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pubsumm.jsp?ods_key=nsf0648.

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Data collected will be used for accountability purposes, including responding from queries from Committees of Visitors and other scientific experts, and for separate research and evaluation studies.

Estimate of Burden

Respondents: Principal Investigators and/or project staff receiving NSF RDE awards.

Number of Respondents: 45.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1220 hours.

Frequency of Responses: Data will be collected from awardees annually, and on an as-needed basis for future evaluation work.

Dated: August 7, 2009.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (the licensee) to withdraw its November 20, 2008, application, as supplemented by letter dated February 26, 2009, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. 50–414 for Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (Catawba 2), located in York County, South Carolina.

The proposed amendment would have updated the leak-before-break evaluation for Catawba 2 and made associated updates to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report for this unit.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on February 24, 2009 (74 FR 8273). However, by letter dated March 31, 2009, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated November 20, 2008, the supplement to the amendment dated February 26, 2009, and the licensee's letter dated March 31, 2009, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be

examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <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 PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1–800–397–4209, or 301–415–4737 or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of August 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jon H. Thompson,

Project Manager, Plant Licensing Branch 2–1, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2009–0351]

Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance and Availability of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG–1236, “Initial Startup Test Program to Demonstrate Remote Shutdown Capability for Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Plants.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft guide in the agency's “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was 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, "Initial Startup Test Program to Demonstrate Remote Shutdown Capability for Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Plants," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1236, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-1236 is proposed Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.68.2, dated July 1978.

This guide describes an initial startup test program acceptable to the NRC staff for demonstrating hot shutdown capability and the potential for cold shutdown from outside the control room. This guide is applicable to water-cooled nuclear power plants.

Title 10, Part 50, of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 50), "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," and 10 CFR Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants," 10 CFR 50.34, "Contents of Applications; Technical Information," and 10 CFR 52.79, "Contents of Application, Technical Information in FSAR," require, in part, that an applicant for a license to operate a production or utilization facility provide a safety analysis report (SAR) that includes the principal design criteria for the proposed facility. The introduction to Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," to 10 CFR Part 50 states that these principal design criteria are to establish the necessary design, fabrication, construction, testing, and performance requirements for structures, systems, and components (SSCs) important to safety (*i.e.*, SSCs that provide reasonable assurance that the facility can be operated without undue risk to the health and safety of the public).

II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-1236. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data and should mention DG-1236 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).

Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for

submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

1. *Mail comments to:* Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

2. *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID [NRC-2009-0351]. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, 301-492-3668; e-mail Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

3. *Fax comments to:* Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 492-3446.

Requests for technical information about DG-1236 may be directed to the NRC contact, Jonathan Ortega-Luciano at (301) 251-7627 or e-mail to Jonathan.Ortega-Luciano@nrc.gov.

Comments would be most helpful if received by October 9, 2009. 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-1236 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. ML091210435.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) 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.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of August, 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John N. Ridgely,

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

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Notice of Meeting

Board meeting: September 23, 2009—National Harbor, MD; the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will meet to discuss the implications of fuel-cycle technologies for nuclear waste management and disposal.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will meet at National Harbor, Maryland, on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, to discuss the implications of alternative technological strategies for the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. The Board will receive an update on the Fuel Cycle Study being conducted at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a panel of industry representatives will discuss their proposals to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for recycling, reprocessing, and burning spent nuclear fuel in fast reactors. The Board also has invited a representative of the Nuclear Energy Agency to present an overview of efforts in other countries to manage and dispose of nuclear waste.

Information presented at the meeting will be used by the Board as part of its ongoing effort to inform Congress, the Secretary of Energy, and a blue-ribbon commission of technical issues and questions that should be addressed related to waste-management alternatives. The Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 requires the Board to conduct an independent review of the technical and scientific validity of DOE activities related to nuclear waste management, including transporting, packaging, and disposing of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

The Board meeting will be held at the Gaylord Hotel; 201 Waterfront Street; National Harbor, MD 20745; (tel.) 301-965-2000, (fax) 301-965-2039.

A detailed meeting agenda will be available on the Board's Web site, <http://www.nwtrb.gov>, approximately one week before the meeting. The agenda also may be obtained by telephone