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**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-019. After the NRC staff considers any public comments, it will make a determination regarding the proposed DC/COL-ISG-019.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of November 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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### **Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide 1.83.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is withdrawing Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.83, "Inservice Inspection of Pressurized Water Reactor Steam Generator Tubes," Revision 1, which was issued July 1975. RG 1.83 describes a program of periodic inservice inspection and nondestructive examination using a prescriptive sampling approach of steam generator tubing to detect defects and deterioration of the tubes in pressurized water reactors (PWRs). The RG was developed to demonstrate compliance with portions of General Design Criterion (GDC) 14, "Reactor Coolant

Pressure Boundary," GDC 15, "Reactor Coolant System Design," GDC 31, "Fracture Prevention of Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary," and GDC 32, "Inspection of Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary."

RG 1.83 is being withdrawn because it no longer describes a preferred approach. It is a prescriptive regulatory guide which recommends the use of eddy current testing for the inspection of steam generator tubes. RG 1.83 may not ensure steam generator tube integrity as required by other rules/regulations. In addition, many of the methods/techniques discussed in the regulatory guide would not be considered acceptable, feasible, or practical given improvements in technology. Given the technological improvements and the recognition of the importance of maintaining tube integrity from a safety and economic perspective, the need for such prescriptive guidance has been superseded. In addition, simply following this guidance may not be sufficient to ensure tube integrity consistent with NRC regulations.

The NRC now endorses a more risk-informed and performance-based approach to regulatory compliance. The performance-based approach relies upon measurable (or calculable) outcomes (*i.e.*, performance results) to be met, but provides more flexibility to the licensee as to the means of meeting those outcomes.

The high level requirements that must be met are contained in the standard technical specifications. These technical specifications are based on Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 97-06, "Steam Generator Program Guidelines," and Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Traveller, TSTF-449. This latter document has been reviewed and approved by the NRC staff as documented in Generic Letter 2006-01. In addition, the current version of this Standard Review Plan discusses the high level requirements which an acceptable steam generator program must meet. RG 1.83 is no longer needed since the NRC has adopted the performance-based approach. The use of a performance-based approach to steam generator tube inspection does not supplant or displace the requirement for compliance with NRC regulations.

##### **II. Further Information**

Withdrawal of RG 1.83 does not, in and of itself, alter any prior or existing licensing commitments based on its use. The guidance provided in this regulatory guide is no longer necessary. Regulatory guides may be withdrawn when their guidance is superseded by

Congressional action, the methods or techniques described in the Regulatory Guide no longer describe a preferred approach, or the Regulatory Guide does not provide useful information.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of November 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: (OMB Control No. 3206-0208; Form RI 38-115)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a revised information collection. This information collection, "Representative Payee Survey" (OMB Control No. 3206-0208, Form RI 38-115), is used to collect information about how the benefits paid to a representative payee have been used or conserved for the benefit of the incompetent annuitant.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of