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Design-Basis Hurricane and Hurricane Missiles for Nuclear Power Plants

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is issuing a new regulatory guide, RG 1.221, “Design-Basis Hurricane and Hurricane Missiles for Nuclear Power Plants.” This regulatory guide provides licensees and applicants with new guidance that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for use in selecting the design-basis hurricane and design-basis hurricane-generated missiles that a nuclear power plant should be designed to withstand to prevent undue risk to the health and safety of the public.

DATES: October 13, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You can access publicly available documents related to this regulatory guide using the following methods:

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- Federal Rulemaking Web Site: Public comments and supporting materials related to this guide can be found at http://www.regulations.gov by searching on Docket ID NRC–2010–0288.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is issuing a new guide in the agency’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information such as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency’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.

RG 1.221 was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG–1247. This regulatory guide provides licensees and applicants with new guidance that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for use in selecting the design-basis hurricane and design-basis hurricane-generated missiles that a nuclear power plant should be designed to withstand to prevent undue risk to the health and safety of the public. This guidance applies to the contiguous United States but does not address the determination of the design-basis hurricane and hurricane missiles for sites located along the Pacific coast or in Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico; the NRC will evaluate such determinations on a case-by-case basis. This guide also does not identify the specific structures, systems, and components that should be designed to withstand the effects of the design-basis hurricane or should be protected from hurricane-generated missiles and remain functional. Nor does this guide address other externally generated hazards, such as aviation crashes, nearby accidental explosions resulting in blast overpressure levels and explosion-borne debris and missiles, and turbine missiles.

II. Further Information

In August 2010, DG–1247 was published with a public comment period of 60 days from the issuance of the guide. The public comment period closed on November 5, 2010. Electronic copies of Regulatory Guide 1.221 are available through the NRC’s public Web site under “Regulatory Guides” at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/ and through the NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html, under Accession No. ML110940300. The regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML110940303. Staff’s responses to public comments on DG–1247 are available under ML110940334.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of October 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Small Business Jobs Act: Implementation of Conforming and Technical Amendments

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: This direct final rule contains several conforming amendments to SBA regulations resulting from the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (SBJA), Public Law 111–240, which was enacted on September 27, 2010, SBA is making these regulatory amendments and other technical conforming changes to mirror current statutory provisions and avoid public confusion or possible misinterpretations of SBA’s programs. Since these are conforming amendments, with no extraneous interpretation or other expanded materials, SBA expects no significant adverse comments. Based on that fact, SBA has decided to proceed with a direct final rule giving the public 30 days to comment. If SBA receives a significant adverse comment during the comment period, SBA will withdraw the sections of the rule receiving the significant adverse comment, and publish them in a proposed rule.

To minimize confusion to the reader, the Supplementary Information section is organized by sequential order of SBJA sections, followed by the additional changes that are not directly related to the SBJA amendments but are necessary for accuracy and consistency with the Small Business Act.

A. Small Business Jobs Act Amendments

Section 1111. Section 7(a) Business Loans

Section 1111 of the SBJA temporarily increased the maximum guarantee percentages for 7(a) business loans until January 1, 2011. These temporary changes do not need to be reflected in the regulations. Section 1111 also permanently increased the maximum guaranteed portion and maximum loan amount for 7(a) business loans. As a result of this change, section 7(a)(3) of the Small Business Act now reads: “No loan shall be made under this subsection—(A) if the total amount outstanding and committed (by participation or otherwise) to the borrower from the business loan and investment fund established by this Act would exceed $3,750,000 (or if the gross loan amount would exceed $5,000,000), except as provided for international trade loans, which have a different limit.” 15 U.S.C. § 636(a)(3)(A). SBA is conforming three SBA regulations to this statutory change as follows: (1) § 120.151. What is the statutory limit for total loans to a Borrower?, to reflect that the maximum guaranteed amount is now $3,750,000 and the maximum loan amount is $5,000,000; (2) § 120.210, What percentage of a loan may SBA