

cybersecurity threats. In December 2011, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) released the "Trustworthy Cyberspace: Strategic Plan for the Federal Cybersecurity Research and Development Program," a framework for a set of coordinated Federal strategic priorities and objectives for cybersecurity research. (<http://www.nitrd.gov/Publications/PublicationDetail.aspx?pubid=39>).

The strategic plan was developed under the leadership of the Cyber Security and Information Assurance Research and Development Senior Steering Group (SSG) of the Federal Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program. It identifies key cybersecurity research and development themes that are shaping and facilitating a coordinated Federal research and development agenda to engender game-changing technologies. With this overarching template, the federal scientific community has been focusing on a common set of problems. The strategic plan is being executed by all of the agencies conducting and funding Federal cybersecurity research, including DARPA, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Energy, IARPA, National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Security Agency, National Science Foundation, and the Department of Defense. Input from industry, academia, and other stakeholders during the development of the strategic plan contributed greatly to the formulation of Federal research directions in cybersecurity. Guided by this plan, many research activities, initiatives, and solicitations have already been launched by Federal agencies in all areas defined by the plan.

In an effort to continue to evolve Federal strategic directions in cybersecurity research, the SSG seeks comments to gain a better understanding of the plan's impact. Furthermore, the SSG seeks input regarding prospective areas in cybersecurity research and development that might benefit from coordinated support by Federal agencies. To assist with its report, the SSG is requesting that interested parties submit written comments. We welcome comments from all interested parties, including, but not limited to, academia, private industry, and all levels of government. We seek comments on the following questions in relation to the strategic plan:

(1) Research Themes of the Strategic Plan:

(a) Do the research themes need to be refined or enhanced? If so, in what way?

(b) What are the research, development, implementation, transition-to-practice, or other challenges that need to be overcome to achieve the goals under each theme?

(c) Are there areas in cybersecurity research not addressed by the strategic plan that should be? If yes, what are they, why are they important, and what advances in such areas are needed to improve the security, safety, and trustworthiness of cyberspace?

(2) Activities that Advance the Strategic Plan:

(d) What activities are you or your organization undertaking that support the objectives of the strategic plan? Please include a brief description of initiatives, use-cases, capabilities, technologies, and/or achievements.

(e) How might your organization utilize the research outcomes?

(3) Sustainable Progress:

(f) What interactions, relationships, campaigns, or targeted assistance would support a sustainable process to drive changes envisioned by the research themes?

(g) What engagements among Federal agencies, government labs, industry, and universities are particularly effective in enabling rapid progress in the development of solutions?

To further enhance discussions related to cybersecurity research and this RFC, the Government will webcast a session on Federal cybersecurity research and development during the National Science Foundation's Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace Principal Investigators Meeting. The session and the webcast will take place on November 27, 2012, from approximately 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. EST. Additional instructions will be available at <http://cps-vo.org/group/satc>.

#### Submission Instructions

Submission email: submit your comments to [cybersecurity@nitrd.gov](mailto:cybersecurity@nitrd.gov).

Submission deadline: to be considered, submissions must be received by December 19, 2012.

To the extent applicable, when addressing a particular question included in this request for comments, comments should reference the relevant number associated with the question. Comments submitted will be made available to the public online or by alternative means. For this reason, do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. In accordance with FAR 15.202(3), responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract.

Responders are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFC.

Submitted by the National Science Foundation for the National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) on November 19, 2012.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2012-0282]

### Preoperational Testing of Onsite Electric Power Systems To Verify Proper Load Group Assignments, Electrical Separation, and Redundancy

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft regulatory guide; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-1294, "Preoperational Testing of On-Site Electric Power Systems to Verify Proper Load Group Assignments, Electrical Separation, and Redundancy." DG-1294 is proposed Revision 1 of RG 1.41, dated March 1973. This revision expands the scope of the guide to encompass preoperational testing of electrical power systems used to meet current Station Blackout regulations, time requirements for startup and alignment of emergency power sources, and testing requirements for facilities licensed under 10 CFR Part 52.

**DATES:** Submit comments by January 31, 2013. Comments received after this 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.

**ADDRESSES:** You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, by searching on <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2012-0282. You may submit comments by the following methods:

- Federal rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2012–0282. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–492–3668; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

- Mail comments to: Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB–05–B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

- Fax comments to: RADB at 301–492–3446.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see “Accessing Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas Kendzia, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of New Reactors, Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Programs, Washington, DC 20555–0001, telephone: 301–415–8155 or email [Thomas.Kendzia@nrc.gov](mailto:Thomas.Kendzia@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments**

*A. Accessing Information*

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- NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The draft regulatory guide is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML12228A589. The regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML12228A591.

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*B. Submitting Comments*

Please include Docket ID NRC–2012–0282 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

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If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

**II. Additional Information**

The NRC is issuing for public comment a draft guide in the NRC’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 entitled “Preoperational Testing of On-Site Electric Power Systems to Verify Proper Load Group Assignments, Electrical Separation, and Redundancy” is temporarily identified by its task number, DG–1294. The DG–1294 is proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.41, “Preoperational Testing of On-Site Electric Power Systems to Verify Proper Load Group Assignments, Electrical Separation, and Redundancy” dated March 1973.

Regulatory Guide 1.41 was developed to provide guidance on preoperational testing of on-site electrical power systems important to safety for load group assignments, electrical separation,

and redundancy. The guide was first issued in 1973 and has not been revised despite multiple revisions to the underlying regulations. Since 1973 the Commission has amended its regulations for loss of all alternating current power (Station Blackout) and loss of large areas of the plant due to explosions or fire, and has established a new combined (construction and operating) licensing process under 10 CFR part 52.

This regulatory guide is being revised for three reasons: (1) To expand the scope of the guide to encompass preoperational tests for the electrical power systems used to meet the regulatory requirements addressing Station Blackout and loss of large areas of the plant due to explosions or fire; (2) to expand the scope of the guide to encompass testing the ability to meet time requirements for startup and alignment for use of electric power sources used to meet the regulatory requirements addressing Station Blackout and loss of large areas of the plant due to explosions or fire and (3) to update the guide references and address facilities licensed under 10 CFR part 52.

**III. Backfitting and Issue Finality**

As discussed in the “Implementation” section of this regulatory guide, the NRC has no current intention to impose this regulatory guide on holders of current operating licenses or combined licenses. Accordingly, the issuance of this regulatory guide would not constitute “backfitting” as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) of the Backfit Rule or be otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52.

This regulatory guide may be applied to applications for operating licenses and combined licenses docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance of the final regulatory guide, as well as future applications for operating licenses and combined licenses submitted after the issuance of the regulatory guide. Such action would not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) or be otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provision in 10 CFR part 52, inasmuch as such applicants or potential applicants are not within the scope of entities protected by the Backfit Rule or the relevant issue finality provisions in Part 52.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of November, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2012-0277]

### Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Dewey- Burdock In-Situ Uranium Recovery Project in Custer and Fall River Counties, SD

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory  
 Commission.

**ACTION:** Availability of draft  
 supplemental environmental impact  
 statement; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory  
 Commission (NRC) is issuing for public  
 comment a draft Supplemental  
 Environmental Impact Statement (Draft  
 SEIS) for the Dewey-Burdock *In-Situ*  
 Uranium Recovery (ISR) Project in  
 Custer and Fall River Counties, South  
 Dakota. The Draft SEIS is Supplement 4  
 to NUREG-1910, "Generic  
 Environmental Impact Statement for In-  
 Situ Leach Uranium Milling Facilities,"  
 May 2009. By letter dated August 10,  
 2009, Powertech USA, Inc. (Powertech)  
 submitted an application to the NRC for  
 a new source materials license for the  
 Dewey-Burdock ISR Project. Powertech  
 is proposing to recover uranium from  
 the Dewey-Burdock Project site using an  
*in-situ* recovery process.

**DATES:** The public comment period on  
 the draft SEIS begins with publication of  
 this notice and continues until January  
 10, 2013. Comments received after this  
 date will be considered if it is practical  
 to do so, but the NRC is able to assure  
 consideration only for comments  
 received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may access information  
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Directives Branch (RADB), Office of  
 Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-  
 B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory  
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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 Access and Management System  
 (ADAMS): You may access publicly  
 available documents associated with the  
 Dewey-Burdock ISR Project through the  
 NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this notice is provided below. The "Draft SEIS (NUREG-1910, Supplement 4) is available in ADAMS under Accession Numbers ML12312A039 (Volume 1) and ML12312A040 (Volume 2). NUREG-1910 is available in ADAMS under Accession Numbers ML091480244 (Volume 1) and ML091480188 (Volume 2).

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##### B. Submitting Comments

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##### II. Further Information

Under the NRC's environmental  
 protection regulations in part 51 of Title  
 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*  
 (10 CFR), which implement the National  
 Environmental Policy Act of 1969  
 (NEPA), preparation of an  
 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
 or supplement to an EIS (SEIS) is  
 required for issuance of a license to  
 possess and use source material for  
 uranium milling (see 10 CFR  
 51.20(b)(8)).

In May 2009, the NRC staff issued  
 NUREG-1910, "Generic Environmental  
 Impact Statement for In-Situ Leach  
 Uranium Milling Facilities" (herein  
 referred to as the GEIS). In the GEIS,  
 NRC assessed the potential  
 environmental impacts from  
 construction, operation, aquifer  
 restoration, and decommissioning of an  
*in-situ* leach uranium milling facility  
 (also known as an ISR facility) located  
 in four specific geographic regions of  
 the western United States. The proposed  
 Dewey-Burdock ISR Project is located  
 within the Nebraska-South Dakota-  
 Wyoming Uranium Milling Region  
 identified in the GEIS. This Draft SEIS  
 supplements the GEIS and incorporates  
 by reference relevant portions from the  
 GEIS, and uses site-specific information  
 from the applicant's license application