

Plants,” is proposed revision 1 to RG 1.158. The proposed revised RG is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1338. The proposed revised RG provides more current guidance on the methods and type-test procedures for two different battery applications. One application is for batteries with duty cycles equal to or less than 8 hours and the other application is for batteries with duty cycles longer than 8 hours. The 2013 revision of IEEE Std. 535 provides a qualification process for both applications to ensure battery performance and provides a normative annex with example testing regimens. The NRC staff determined that RG 1.158 should be revised to endorse the 2013 version of IEEE Std. 535 to support new reactor license applications, design certifications, and applications for license amendments.

Copies of IEEE documents may be purchased from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Service Center, 445 Hoes Lane, PO Box 1331, Piscataway, NJ 08855 or through the IEEE’s public Web site at http://www.ieee.org/publications_standards/index.html.

III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Draft regulatory guide DG-1338, if finalized as revision 1 to RG 1.158, would endorse, with certain clarifications, the 2013 revision of IEEE Std. 535 which refines the methods and type-test procedures for two different battery applications. One application is for batteries with duty cycles equal to or less than 8 hours and the other application is for batteries with duty cycles longer than 8 hours. The 2013 revision of IEEE Std. 535 demonstrates and outlines the qualifying process for both applications to ensure battery performance. It also provides a comprehensive document for qualifying batteries with additional normative annexes. The draft regulatory guide, if finalized, would not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (the Backfit Rule) and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52, “Licenses, Certifications and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants.” The subject of this draft regulatory guide, as described above, is an NRC-defined process which does not fall within the purview of subjects covered by either the Backfit Rule or the issue finality provision in 10 CFR part 52. Issuance of the draft regulatory guide, in final form, would not constitute backfitting, and no further consideration of backfitting is required in order to issue the draft or final regulatory guide in final form.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of May 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

National Marine Fisheries Service

[NRC-2016-0189]

Shipping, Receiving, and Internal Transfer of Special Nuclear Material

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Regulatory Guide (RG) 5.41, “Shipping, Receiving, and Internal Transfer of Special Nuclear Material.” This new RG consolidates in one document NRC guidance concerning the material control and accounting requirements pertaining to shipments, receipts, and internal transfers of special nuclear material. In addition, this guide provides updated guidance for source material (SM) and depleted uranium (DU) at uranium enrichment facilities.

DATES: Revision 0 to RG 5.41 is available on May 31, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2016-0189 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2016-0189. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Document collection 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. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. RG 5.41 may be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16348A213. The regulatory analysis supporting this RG may be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML14181B214.

- *NRC’s PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC is issuing a new guide in the NRC’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information regarding methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency’s regulations, techniques that the NRC staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and data that the NRC staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The RG 5.41 is entitled, “Shipping, Receiving, and Internal Transfer of Special Nuclear Material,” and provides guidance for meeting the nuclear material control and accounting (MC&A) requirements in part 74 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR part 74), “Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material,” that cover these topics.

RG 5.41 updates and combines in one document guidance previously provided by:

- RG 5.28, “Evaluation of Shipper-Receiver Differences in the Transfer of Special Nuclear Material,” published in June 1974 (ADAMS Accession No. ML003740063);

- RG 5.49, “Internal Transfers of Special Nuclear Material,” published in March 1975 (ADAMS Accession No. ML003739222); and

- RG 5.57, “Shipping and Receiving Control of Strategic Special Nuclear Material,” published in June 1980 (ADAMS Accession No. ML003739260).

Due to several rulemakings that occurred from 1985 to 2002, which significantly amended the MC&A requirements, the above regulatory guides became outdated as they no longer cite the correct sections of the regulations. Accordingly, RG 5.28, RG 5.49, and RG 5.57 are being withdrawn concurrent with the issuance of RG 5.41, which provides the correct citations to the 10 CFR part 74 regulations.

NRC guidance on the MC&A requirements pertaining to shipments, receipts, and internal transfers of special nuclear material is also provided in the following NUREGs that were issued in conjunction with the 1985–2002 MC&A rulemakings:

- NUREG–1280, “Standard Format and Content Acceptance Criteria for the Material Control and Accounting (MC&A) Reform Amendment,” applicable to facilities using formula quantities of strategic special nuclear material (ADAMS Accession No. ML031340295).

- NUREG–1065, “Acceptable Standard Format and Content for the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control (FNMC) Plan Required for Low-Enriched Uranium Facilities,” applicable to fuel fabrication facilities using low-enriched uranium (ADAMS Accession No. ML031340288).

- NUREG/CR–5734, “Recommendations to the NRC on Acceptable Standard Format and Content for the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control (FNMC) Plan Required for Low-Enriched Uranium Enrichment Facilities,” applicable to uranium enrichment plants (ADAMS Accession No. ML15120A354).

RG 5.41 incorporates guidance from these NUREGs that relates to the monitoring of shipments, receipts, and internal transfers of SNM. In addition to providing guidance on these topics, the NUREGs listed above cover other MC&A requirements as well. Therefore, these NUREGs are not being withdrawn.

II. Additional Information

The draft of RG 5.41 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG–5051, “Shipping, Receiving, and Internal Transfer of Special Nuclear Material.” The NRC published a notice of the availability of DG–5051 in the **Federal Register** on September 21, 2016 (81 FR 64955) for a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on October 21, 2016. Public comments on DG–5051 and the staff responses to the public comments are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16348A218.

III. Congressional Review Act

This RG is a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801–808). However, the Office of Management and Budget has not found it to be a major rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act.

IV. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Issuance of RG 5.41 does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 70.76. As discussed in the “Implementation” section of RG 5.41, the NRC has no current intention to impose this guidance on holders of 10 CFR part 70 licenses. Additionally, RG 5.41 incorporates relevant guidance from NUREG–1280, NUREG–1065, and NUREG/CR–5734 without making substantive changes to that guidance. RG 5.41 updates the outdated NRC guidance provided in RG 5.28, RG 5.49, and RG 5.57 by providing the correct citations to the existing 10 CFR part 74 regulations. Accordingly, the issuance of RG 5.41 does not constitute a “new” or “different” staff position within the definition of “backfitting” in 10 CFR 70.76.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–259, 50–260, and 50–296; NRC–2016–0244]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of amendments to Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–33, DPR–52, and DPR–68 issued to Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA, the licensee) for operation of Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3 (BFN) located in Limestone County, Alabama. The proposed amendments would increase the maximum licensed thermal power level for each reactor from 3,458 megawatts thermal (Mwt) to 3,952 Mwt. This change, referred to as an extended

power uprate (EPU), represents an increase of approximately 14.3 percent above the current licensed thermal power limit. The NRC is issuing a final environmental assessment (EA) and final finding of no significant impact (FONSI) associated with the proposed EPU.

DATES: The final EA and final FONSI are available on May 31, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2016–0244 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2016–0244. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection 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. For the convenience of the reader, the ADAMS accession numbers are provided in a table in the “Availability of Documents” section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is considering issuance of amendments to Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–33, DPR–52, and DPR–68 issued to TVA for operation of BFN located in Limestone County, Alabama. TVA submitted its