

longer provides methods that the NRC staff finds acceptable to meet the NRC's regulatory requirements.

As a matter of agreement, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) currently transports Category I quantities of strategic SNM using its own guidance. This is expected to continue into the foreseeable future. The NRC's regulatory requirements for transportation security of this material are still in place. However, these requirements have not been updated for the current threat environment. Moreover, given the lack of any private transport of these materials, no post-9/11 security orders were developed to address contingency plans for transportation. Therefore, the NRC staff considers RG 5.56 to be outdated and is not satisfactory for developing contingency plans for the transportation of Category I strategic SNM in the future.

It may be possible for the staff to update the guidance to make it useful for potential future use; however, the staff concludes that the expenditure of resources to revise the guide is neither necessary nor warranted. If an NRC licensee or applicant proposed to transport Category I quantities of strategic SNM today without DOE, the staff would evaluate the need for additional physical protection, given the current threat environment, and provide approval to the licensee or applicant, as appropriate, on a case-by-case basis. The likelihood of such a proposal is expected to be remote. Other general NRC guidance on the development of contingency plans can be found in NUREG/CR-6667, "Standard Review Plan for Safeguards Contingency Response Plans for Category I Fuel Facilities," and such guidance could be useful in developing a contingency plan for transportation of Category I quantities of SNM.

II. Further Information

The withdrawal of RG 5.56 does not alter any prior or existing NRC licensing approval, or the acceptability of licensee commitments made regarding the withdrawn guidance. Although RG 5.56 is withdrawn, current licensees referencing this RG may continue to do so, and withdrawal does not affect any existing licenses or agreements. However, by withdrawing RG 5.56, the NRC no longer approves use of the guidance in future requests or applications for NRC licensing actions.

Dated: April 14, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2019-0181]

Standard Format and Content for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.188, "Standard Format and Content for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses." This RG describes the standard format and content that the NRC staff considers acceptable for applications for renewal and subsequent renewal of operating licenses for commercial nuclear power plants.

DATES: Revision 2 to RG 1.188 is available on April 17, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2019-0181 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 website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2019-0181. Address questions about NRC docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: Jennifer.Borges@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 Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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. Revision 2 to RG 1.188 and the regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML20017A265 and ML19213A343, respectively.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing 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.

Revision 2 of RG 1.188 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1341. Revision 2 of RG 1.188 broadens the scope of the guide to include subsequent license renewal. Revision 2 of the guide endorses two industry guidance documents that describe methods that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for use in preparing applications for license renewal and subsequent license renewal.

Specifically, this revision endorses Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 17-01, "Industry Guideline for Implementing the Requirements of 10 CFR part 54 for Subsequent License Renewal" (ADAMS Accession No. ML17339A599), which provides an acceptable approach for implementing the requirements of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) part 54, "Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants," for subsequent license renewal. The guidance in NEI 17-01 is consistent with previously published NRC guidance. Among this guidance, in particular, NUREG-2191, Volumes 1 and 2, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned for Subsequent License Renewal (GALL-SLR) Report," and NUREG-2192, "Standard Review Plan for Review of Subsequent License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants—Final Report," (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML17187A031, ML17187A204 and ML17188A158). Both NUREG-2191 and NUREG-2192 underwent significant public interaction

and extensive review by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

The RG applies to holders of operating licenses under 10 CFR part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities." The RG could also apply to holders of combined licenses under 10 CFR part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants." However, because no combined license holder is expected to use this RG for at least two decades, the NRC is not expanding the RG's applicability to combined license holders at this time.

II. Additional Information

The NRC published a notice of the availability of DG-1341 in the **Federal Register** on September 17, 2019 (84 FR 48953) for a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on October 17, 2019. Public comments on DG-1341 and the staff responses to the public comments are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML20017A259.

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, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

Revision 2 of RG 1.188 describes one acceptable method for demonstrating compliance with 10 CFR part 54 for applicants for nuclear power plant license renewal and subsequent license renewal. This RG would not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109, "Backfitting" and as described in NRC Management Directive 8.4, "Management of Backfitting, Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests" (ADAMS Accession No. ML18093B087); would not affect the issue finality of any approval issued under 10 CFR part 52; and would not constitute forward fitting as that term is defined and described in Management Directive 8.4. Existing licensees and applicants for license renewal or subsequent license renewal will not be required to comply with the positions set forth in this RG. Further information on the staff's use of the RG is contained in the RG under Section D., "Implementation."

Dated: April 13, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2020-115 and CP2020-122]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* April 21, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also

establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3007.301.¹

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* MC2020-115 and CP2020-122; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 605 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 13, 2020; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*, and 39 CFR 3015.5; *Public Representative:* Christopher C. Mohr; *Comments Due:* April 21, 2020.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2020-120; Order No. 5479]

Competitive Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is acknowledging a recent filing by the Postal Service of specific rates for its Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters product effective January 1, 2021. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

¹ See Docket No. RM2018-3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19-22 (Order No. 4679).