to update the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) to incorporate a number of policy-related changes and clarifications of language. The draft NSF PAPPG is now available for your review and consideration on the NSF website at *http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/.* To facilitate review, revised text has been highlighted in yellow throughout the document to identify significant changes. A brief comment explanation of the change also is provided.

Proposed Project: The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Public Law 81–507) sets forth NSF's mission and purpose:

''To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense. . . .''

The Act authorized and directed NSF to initiate and support:

- Basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process;
- Programs to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential;
- Science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all the various fields of science and engineering;
- Programs that provide a source of information for policy formulation; and
- Other activities to promote these ends.

NSF's core purpose resonates clearly in everything it does: promoting achievement and progress in science and engineering and enhancing the potential for research and education to contribute to the Nation. While NSF's vision of the future and the mechanisms it uses to carry out its charges have evolved significantly over the last six decades, its ultimate mission remains the same.

Use of the Information: The regular submission of proposals to the Foundation is part of the collection of information and is used to help NSF fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 50,000 proposals annually for new projects, and makes approximately 11,000 new awards.

Support is made primarily through grants, contracts, and other agreements awarded to approximately 2,000 colleges, universities, academic consortia, nonprofit institutions, and small businesses. The awards are based mainly on merit evaluations of proposals submitted to the Foundation.

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its information collection to identify and address excessive reporting burdens as well as to identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of the proposed principal investigator(s)/project director(s) or the co-principal investigator(s)/co-project director(s).

Burden on the Public: The Foundation estimates that an average of 120 hours is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 50,000 proposals are expected during the course of one year for a total of 6,000,000 public burden hours annually.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2020–0256]

Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking for Inservice Inspections of Piping

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft regulatory guide; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is re-issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG), DG–1288 (Revision 1), ''Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking for Inservice Inspection of Piping.'' This proposed guide is Revision 2 of regulatory guide (RG) 1.178, ''An Approach for Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking for Inservice Inspection of Piping.'' It incorporates information to be consistent with the terminology and defense-in-depth philosophy provided in RG 1.174, ''An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis,'' as well as to endorse the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Case N–716–1, ''Alternative Classification and Examination Requirements, Section XI, Division 1.''

DATES: Submit comments by January 13, 2021. 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 submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2020–0256. Address questions about 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.
- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN–7–A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2020–0256 when contacting the NRC about

the availability of information regarding this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action, by any of the following methods:

• *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2020–0256.

• *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.*

• Attention: The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at *PDR.Resource@nrc.gov* or call 1–800–397–4209 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website: *https://www.regulations.gov.* Please include Docket ID NRC–2020–0256 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC posts all comment submissions at *https://www.regulations.gov* as well as enters the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

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 DG in the NRC's ''Regulatory Guide'' series. This series was developed to describe methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency's regulations, to explain techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and to describe information that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

This DG, identified by its task number, DG–1288, titled, ''Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking for Inservice Inspections of Piping,'' (ADAMS Accession No. ML20210M047) is a proposed Revision 2 of RG 1.178 This revision of RG 1.178 (Revision 2) describes an approach that is acceptable to the staff of the NRC for developing risk-informed inservice inspections of piping (RI–ISI) programs and supplements the guidance provided in RG 1.174, ''An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis.'' It updates the defense-in-depth philosophy to be consistent with the philosophy described in RG 1.174. RG 1.174 was revised in 2018 to expand the meaning of, and the process for, assessing defense-in-depth considerations. Specifically, this revision of RG 1.178 references the defense-in-depth guidance in RG 1.174 in several staff regulatory positions.

Additionally, the NRC staff revised this guide to (1) update Section C.2.2, ''Evaluation of Risk Impact,'' of this RG to be consistent with Section C.2.3 in RG 1.174, which provides specific considerations with respect to determining the acceptability of the probabilistic risk assessment used in risk-informed decisionmaking, and (2) add the reference to ASME Code Case N–716–1, ''Alternative Classification and Examination Requirements, Section XI, Division 1,'' dated January 27, 2013, which describes an RI–ISI process as approved in RG 1.147.

A previous version of DG–1288 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12017A076) was issued for public comment on June 29, 2012 (77 FR 38856) under Docket ID NRC–2012–0110. The staff did not fully consider the public comments received at that time due to the extent of the changes for RG 1.174. However, the staff has reviewed and addressed some comments on this DG. Commenters on the previous version are encouraged to review and comment on this version.

The staff is also issuing for public comment a draft regulatory analysis (ADAMS Accession No. ML20210M044). The staff develops a regulatory analysis to assess the value of issuing or revising a regulatory guide as well as alternative courses of action.

III. Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

DG–1288, if finalized, would revise RG 1.178, Revision 2, which describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the NRC's regulations for developing RI–ISI programs and supplements the guidance provided in RG 1.174.

Issuance of DG–1288, if finalized, would not constitute backfitting as defined in section 50.109 of the *Code of Federal Regulation* (10 CFR), ''Backfitting,'' and as described in NRC Management Directive (MD) 8.4, ''Management of Backfitting, Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests''; constitute forward fitting as that term is defined and described in MD 8.4; or affect the issue finality of any approval issued under 10 CFR part 52. As explained in DG–1288, applicants and licensees would not be required to comply with the positions set forth in DG–1288.

Dated: December 8, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Tennessee Valley Authority; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission, *see* 37 FR 28710 (Dec. 29, 1972), and the Commission's regulations, *see, e.g.,* 10 CFR 2.104, 2.105, 2.300, 2.309, 2.313, 2.318, 2.321, notice is hereby given that an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) is being established to preside over the following proceeding:

Tennessee Valley Authority

(Enforcement Action)

This Board is being established pursuant to a referral from the NRC Office of the Secretary of two hearing requests, one from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), and another from Erin Henderson, challenging an order imposing a civil penalty on TVA. The challenged order, issued on October 29, 2020, by the NRC Office of Enforcement, was published in the **Federal Register** on November 4, 2020. *See* 85 FR 70203 (Nov 4, 2020).