

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 6 to Regulatory Guide (RG), 1.26 “Quality Group Classifications and Standards for Water-, Steam-, and Radioactive-Waste-Containing Components of Nuclear Power Plants.” Revision 6 to RG 1.26 incorporates additional information that provides guidance for alternative quality classification systems for components in light-water reactor (LWR) nuclear power plants and updates the staff position regarding classification of Quality Group C components to reflect the latest guidance on systems that contain radioactive material since Revision 5 (02/2017), of RG 1.26 was issued. The appendices to this revised RG provide guidance for alternative quality classification systems for components in LWR nuclear power plants.

DATES: Revision 6 to RG 1.26 is available on December 22, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2020–0252 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–2020–0252. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301–415–0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@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, at 301–415–4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

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Revision 6 to RG 1.26 and the regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML21232A142 and ML20168A893, respectively.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC is issuing a revision 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 6 of RG 1.26 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG–1371.

II. Additional Information

The NRC published a notice of availability of DG–1371 in the **Federal Register** on May 7, 2021 (86 FR 24672) for a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on July 6, 2021. Public comments on DG–1371 and the staff responses to the public comments are available in ADAMS under accession No. ML21235A011.

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 6 of RG 1.26 does not constitute backfitting as defined in section 50.109 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (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, “Licenses, Certificates, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants.” As explained in Revision 6 of RG 1.26, applicants and licensees are not required to comply with the positions set forth in this RG.

Dated: December 15, 2021.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2021–0141]

Evaluating the Habitability of a Nuclear Power Plant Control Room During a Postulated Hazardous Chemical Release

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide (RG), 1.78, “Evaluating the Habitability of a Nuclear Power Plant Control Room during a Postulated Hazardous Chemical Release.” The revision of RG 1.78 describes an approach that is acceptable to the NRC staff to meet regulatory requirements for evaluating the habitability of a nuclear power plant control room during a postulated hazardous chemical release. Releases of hazardous chemicals, onsite and off-site, can result in the nearby control room becoming uninhabitable.

DATES: Revision 2 to RG 1.78 is available on December 22, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2021–0141 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–2021–0141. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301–415–0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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Revision 2 to RG 1.78 and the regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML21253A071 and ML21119A159, respectively.

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Revision 2 of RG 1.78 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1387.

II. Additional Information

The NRC published a notice of the availability of DG-1387 in the **Federal Register** on July 28, 2021 (86 FR 40661)

for a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on August 27, 2021. Public comments on DG-1387 and the staff responses to the public comments are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML21253A074.

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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.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Privacy Act; System of Records

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) seeks, in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, to establish a new system of records titled, "Office of Special Counsel, OSC-4, Reasonable Accommodation Records." This system of records allows OSC to collect and maintain information from employees who request accommodations from OSC for medical or religious reasons.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 21, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by mail to the: U.S. Office of Special Counsel, Office of the Clerk,

1730 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20036; or by email via: frliaison@osc.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OSC is a permanent independent federal investigative and prosecutorial agency. OSC's basic authorities come from four federal statutes: The Civil Service Reform Act, the Whistleblower Protection Act, the Hatch Act, and the Uniformed Services Employment & Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). OSC's primary mission is to safeguard the merit system by protecting federal employees and applicants from prohibited personnel practices, especially reprisal for whistleblowing, and to serve as a safe channel for allegations of wrongdoing.

Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits discrimination in services and employment based on disability, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1974 prohibits discrimination, including based on religion. These prohibitions on discrimination require Federal agencies to provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities and those with sincerely held religious beliefs unless doing so would impose an undue hardship. In addition, some individuals may request modifications to their workspace, schedule, duties, or other requirements for reasons that may not qualify as a disability but may lead to an appropriate modification to workplace policies and practices.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, OSC proposes to establish a new system of records that allows OSC to collect and maintain information from employees who request reasonable accommodations from OSC for medical or religious reasons. Employees include applicants for employment and other individuals who participate in OSC programs and activities and who request reasonable accommodations and/or other appropriate modifications from OSC for medical or religious reasons.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Office of Special Counsel, OSC-4, Reasonable Accommodation Records.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

OSC's work related to this system of records would not ordinarily involve records that contain classified information. In the event there is classified information, OSC would maintain such records using methods approved for handling classified material.