

- Performance Area Three establishes criteria for examining the effectiveness of a grant recipient's legal representation and other activities designed to address the legal needs of the low-income population in its service area.

- Performance Area Four establishes criteria for examining the effectiveness of a grant recipient's governance structure, organizational leadership, and administration.

LSC last updated Performance Area One in 2007. At that time, LSC identified several factors driving the update. One was the "significant change and evolution in Legal Services programs around the country" caused by, among other factors, mergers, rapid developments in technology, and the restrictions placed on LSC grant recipients through its Fiscal Year 1996 appropriations act. Legal Services Corporation, Performance Criteria, 2007 Edition, pp. 1–2. LSC also identified significant changes in the demographic changes of the low-income population and the legal needs experienced by that population as a factor. *Id.* at 2. Finally, LSC observed that at the same time it was considering changes to the Performance Criteria, the American Bar Association (ABA) was revising its Standards for the Provision of Civil Legal Aid (ABA Standards). As a result, the 2007 revision to the Performance Criteria incorporated or referenced the ABA Standards where appropriate. *Id.*

LSC's goals for this update, which continue the theme of evolving standards in technology and the delivery of legal services, are threefold. First, LSC is introducing new indicators of quality and revising others to be more relevant to the current—and future—context of Federally funded legal aid. Second, LSC is simplifying and rewriting the Performance Criteria in plain English to make them more user friendly to LSC and grant recipient staff. Finally, where appropriate, LSC is revising the standards to maintain consistency with the 2021 revisions to the ABA Standards for the Provision of Civil Legal Services, particularly those Standards on the use of technology.

Overview of the Revisions: LSC proposes to significantly revise the titles, introductory text, Indicators of quality, and Areas of Inquiry for each Criterion in Performance Area One. In some cases, LSC proposes to introduce new Indicators, while in others LSC proposes to simplify and streamline existing Indicators. The changes are summarized below.

Criterion 1: Periodic Comprehensive Assessment and Ongoing Consideration of Legal Needs. LSC proposes to shorten

the title of this Criterion to "Needs Assessment" and revise the Indicators and Areas of Inquiry to focus on how grant recipients assess the legal needs of the low-income populations within their service areas. The Indicators broadly describe the factors LSC has identified as critical to conducting a thorough, well-developed needs assessment. Indicators examine factors such as the number and types of methods grant recipients use to collect information; whether grant recipients considered the needs of demographic subpopulations in their communities; and the extent to which grant recipients considered the capacity of other organizations to address the most pressing legal needs of the low-income community. The Areas of Inquiry for each Indicator further break down into questions about discrete parts of the broader Indicator. For example, new Indicator 1 evaluates the frequency and regularity with which a grant recipient "conducts a comprehensive assessment of existing and emerging needs of low-income individuals and families within its service area." The proposed Areas of Inquiry ask whether the grant recipient conducts such an assessment periodically; when the grant recipient conducted the most recent assessment; how the grant recipient determines when it should conduct the needs assessment; whether it has started planning for the next needs assessment; and whether the most recent assessment produced a "clear record of the most compelling existing and emerging legal needs of low-income individuals and families in the service area."

Criterion 2: Setting Goals and Objectives, Developing Strategies, and Allocating Resources. LSC proposes to rename this criterion "Strategic Planning" and to focus the Indicators and Areas of Inquiry on how grant recipients develop their strategic plans. LSC has determined that a well-developed strategic plan should identify strategies tailored to address the most pressing legal needs identified by the needs assessment in a way that contributes to closing the Justice Gap. LSC proposes to either replace Indicators that do not contribute to examining how grant recipients develop their strategic plans or to relocate Indicators to more appropriate Criteria. For example, LSC proposes to relocate existing Indicator 8, relating to case acceptance policies, to proposed Criterion 3, which examines priorities and case acceptance. Other Indicators and Areas of Inquiry have been simplified and narrowed to focus on

how grant recipients develop their strategic plans and goals.

Criterion 3: Implementation. LSC proposes to rename this Criterion "Priority Setting and Case Acceptance Policy." Consistent with this renaming and building on the preceding Criteria, LSC intends for this Criterion to examine the extent to which grant recipients' priorities and case acceptance policies effectuate the goals in their strategic plans. The Indicators and Areas of Inquiry cross-reference Criteria 1 and 2 and have been rewritten into plain English.

Criterion 4: Evaluation and Adjustment. LSC proposes to shorten the title of this Criterion to "Evaluation." LSC proposes to simplify and revise the Indicators in this Criterion to focus on grant recipients' processes for examining how well their service delivery model is meeting the goals stated in their strategic plans; whether strategic plans are agile enough to adjust to changes in the legal services delivery ecosystem, such as large variances in the availability of resources or unanticipated changes to the most pressing legal issues experienced by the populations in grantees' service areas; and whether the grant recipients' priorities are expressed in terms of outcomes that can be measured or assessed, thus allowing grant recipients to allocate resources as needed to achieve the proposed outcomes.

LSC is publishing the proposed revisions to Performance Area One on the Matters for Comment page of its website: www.lsc.gov/matters-comment. LSC is providing a 60-day period for interested parties and stakeholders to submit comments.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m. ET, Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

PLACE: NTSB Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20594.

STATUS: The one item is open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

75114 *Marine Investigation Report—*
Contact of Containership Dali with

Francis Scott Key Bridge and
Subsequent Bridge Collapse,
Patapsco River, Baltimore,
Maryland, March 26, 2024

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or archived webcast by accessing a link
under “Upcoming Events” on the NTSB
home page at www.ntsbt.gov.

Schedule updates, including weather-
related cancellations, are also available
at www.ntsbt.gov.

The National Transportation Safety
Board is holding this meeting under the
Government in the Sunshine Act, 5
U.S.C. 552(b).

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION**

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**NUREG: Guidelines for Inservice
Testing at Nuclear Power Plants—
Inservice Testing of Pumps and Valves
and Inservice Examination and Testing
of Dynamic Restraints (Snubbers) at
Nuclear Power Plants**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Final report; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC) is issuing NUREG-
1482, Revision 4, “Guidelines for
Inservice Testing at Nuclear Power
Plants—Inservice Testing of Pumps and
Valves and Inservice Examination and
Testing of Dynamic Restraints
(Snubbers) at Nuclear Power Plants.”
NUREG-1482, Revision 4 provides a
basic understanding of the regulatory
basis for pump and valve inservice
testing (IST) programs and dynamic
restraint (snubbers) examination and
testing programs. This NUREG also
provides information regarding the
NRC’s involvement in the development
of the American Society of Mechanical
Engineers (ASME) Operation and
Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants,
Division 1, OM Code: Section IST (OM
Code).

DATES: This document was published in
the **Federal Register** on October 2, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID
NRC-2024-0183 when contacting the

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC published a notice in the
Federal Register on March 14, 2025 (90
FR 12184) requesting public comment
on draft NUREG-1482, Revision 4. The
public comment period closed on April
14, 2025. The NRC received 46 public
comments. The public comments and
the NRC staff’s responses are presented
in a comment resolution matrix
available in ADAMS under Accession
No. ML25262A190. The staff considered
the public comments received on the
draft document in preparing final
NUREG-1482, Revision 4.

NUREG-1482, Revision 4 is
applicable, unless stated otherwise, to
editions and addenda (up to and
including the 2022 Edition) to the OM
Code that are incorporated by reference

in paragraph 50.55a of title 10 of the
Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR),
“Codes and standards.” The NRC staff
discusses in this report IST program
topics such as the NRC process for the
review of the OM Code, conditions on
the use of the OM Code, interpretations
of the OM Code, and development of
IST programs for new reactors. In this
report, the NRC staff provides guidance
included in NUREG-1482, Revision 3
that has been updated to reflect IST
lessons learned and operating
experience since the report was
previously issued.

Effective August 16, 2024, the NRC
amended 10 CFR 50.55a in a final rule
(89 FR 58039; July 17, 2024) to provide
more flexibility for nuclear power plant
licensees by expanding the code of
record interval from 10 years (120
months) to two consecutive IST and
inservice inspection (ISI) program
intervals. This rulemaking also
incorporated by reference revisions to
three NRC regulatory guides to approve
new, revised, and reaffirmed ASME
Code Cases. Accordingly, NUREG-1482,
Revision 4 includes the new
terminology for the code of record
interval rather than the previous 120-
month interval when discussing IST and
ISI programs and also includes a new
Appendix C that summarizes the final
rule and its conditions. In addition, in
response to a public comment, NUREG-
1482, Revision 4 has been revised
throughout to reference the 2022 Edition
of the OM Code (the latest edition
incorporated by reference in 10 CFR
50.55a) instead of the 2020 Edition. In
accordance with 10 CFR 2.804(e)(2), the
NRC staff has determined that a post-
promulgation comment period would
serve no public interest given the nature
of the updates from the 2020 to the 2022
Edition of the OM Code.

II. Congressional Review Act

This NUREG is a rule as defined in
the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C.
801-808). The Office of Management
and Budget has found that it does not
meet the criteria at 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

III. Executive Order (E.O.) 12866

The Office of Information and
Regulatory Affairs determined that this
NUREG is not a significant regulatory
action under E.O. 12866.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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