

considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Michael T. Markley (telephone 301/415-6885) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a revision to a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.54, "Service Level I, II, and III Protective Coatings Applied to Nuclear Power Plants," provides guidance on practices and programs that are acceptable to the NRC staff for the selection, application, qualification, inspection, and maintenance of protective coatings applied in nuclear power plants. This guide endorses multiple standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials to provide this guidance.

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. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of

Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. For further information on the guide, contact A.W. Serkiz at (301) 415-6563 or by email at <AWS@NRC.GOV>.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Draft Supplementary Changes to Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors;" Notice of Availability

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On March 20, 2000 (65 FR 15020), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued for public comment and voluntary use, on a trial basis, a draft supplementary change to Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The Commission uses NUREG-1021 to provide policy and guidance for the development, administration, and grading of written examinations and operating tests used to determine the qualifications of individuals who apply for operator and senior operator licenses at nuclear power plants pursuant to the Commission's regulations. NUREG-

1021 provides similar guidance for verifying the continued qualifications of licensed operators when the staff determines that NRC requalification examinations are necessary.

Based upon the small number of examinations that have thus far been prepared using the revised examination guidance, the NRC has decided to extend the trial use and public comment period for the draft supplementary change in order to allow additional opportunities for feedback that will support the issuance of the final supplement. This delay in preparing the final supplement has also created an opportunity to solicit comments on some additional changes that will bring NUREG-1021 into conformance with Revision 3 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.8, "Qualification and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants," which has been published since the original draft supplement was issued on March 20, 2000. Revision 3 of RG 1.8 has revised a long-standing regulatory position regarding operator license eligibility by endorsing, with additions, exceptions, and clarifications, the 1993 version of ANSI/ANS 3.1, "Selection, Qualification, and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants."

The draft supplement and the newly issued addendum are available for review via the NRC Public Electronic Reading Room (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>), on the NRC's Operator Licensing web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/OL/OLguidance.html>), and at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, Washington, DC. If you do not have electronic access to NRC documents, you may request a single copy of the draft supplement by writing to the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Reproduction and Distribution Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 (Facsimile: 301-512-2289). Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. NUREG documents are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

The draft supplement is being implemented on a voluntary, trial basis. The NRC will evaluate any comments and recommendations that are received and any lessons that are learned during the trial period, incorporate any additional changes, as appropriate, and, thereafter, publish final Supplement 1 for general use.

**DATE:** The comment period ends October 31, 2000. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the staff is able