

with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemption and issued the amendment that the licensee requested on February 7, 2013, and supplemented by letter dated February 14, 2013. The exemption and amendment were issued on July 1, 2013 as part of a combined package to the licensee. (ADAMS Accession No. ML13151A457).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of August 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Lawrence Burkhardt,

Chief, Licensing Branch 4, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2013-0181]

Placement of the Georgia Agreement State Program on Probation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of the Georgia Agreement State Program being placed on probation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the placement of the Georgia Agreement State Program (Georgia Program) for the regulation of certain Atomic Energy Act materials on probation and a further increase in the NRC oversight of the Georgia Program, including overseeing implementation of a "Program Improvement Plan" developed by the staff of the Georgia Program. Once the Georgia Program has met the commitments made in the "Program Improvement Plan," and has demonstrated significant and sustainable improvements, the probationary status could be lifted. There will be further announcements of such action.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2013-0181] when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search

for Docket ID NRC-2013-0181]. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then 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. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Dimmick, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone: 301-415-0694, email: Lisa.Dimmick@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, the Commission retains the authority and the responsibility to ensure that Agreement State programs continue to provide adequate protection of public health and safety, and to be compatible with the NRC's program with respect to the regulation of the materials and uses authorized under the agreement. Agreement States are States that have assumed regulatory authority from the NRC over the possession and use of certain radioactive materials.

Section 274j. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, requires that the NRC periodically review each Agreement State to ensure each State's regulatory programs are adequate and compatible. The NRC evaluates Agreement State radiation control programs, using performance indicators, to ensure that public health and safety is being adequately protected. The periodic review process for Agreement State programs is called the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP).

The Management Review Board (MRB), in a public meeting, makes the overall assessment of the Agreement State program. Information considered by the MRB includes the proposed final IMPEP report, which presents suggested performance indicator ratings and recommendations prepared by the IMPEP review team, and information provided by the State at the MRB meeting. For most IMPEP reviews, no action other than issuance of the final IMPEP report is needed. For those infrequent reviews where additional action is needed, the MRB may consider Monitoring, Heightened Oversight, and recommendations for Probation, Suspension, or Termination. The most significant actions, Probation, Suspension, or Termination, require Commission approval. In 2008, the MRB placed the Georgia Program under a condition of Monitoring due to the results of the 2008 Georgia Program IMPEP.

After the most recent review, the MRB found the overall Georgia Program compatible with the NRC's program and adequate to protect public health and safety, but it needs improvement. The MRB found the Georgia Program performance unsatisfactory for two performance indicators: Technical Quality of Inspections, and Technical Quality of Incident and Allegation Activities. The Georgia Program was found satisfactory, but it needs improvement, for three performance indicators: Technical Staffing and Training, Status of Materials Inspection Program, and Technical Quality of Licensing Actions. The indicators, Compatibility Requirements and Sealed Source and Device Evaluation were found satisfactory. The MRB recommended that the Georgia Program be placed on Probation due to the significant performance issues identified. The Commission agreed that the Georgia Program should be placed on Probation.

The Georgia Agreement State Program's progress in addressing the program weaknesses will be evaluated in January 2014 by an IMPEP review team. Once the MRB determines that the Agreement State has met the commitments in the "Program Improvement Plan" and has demonstrated significant and sustainable improvements in program performance, a recommendation will be made to the Commission that the probationary status be lifted.

Notification of discontinuance of Probation would be made to the Governor of Georgia, the Georgia Congressional delegation, and all other Agreement and Non-Agreement States.

The NRC would also publish a *Federal Register* notice and a press release announcing the discontinuance of Probation for the Georgia Program, if approved by the Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of August, 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mark A. Satorius,

Director, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2013-0160]

Proposed Revisions to Design of Structures, Components, Equipment and Systems

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Standard review plan-draft section revision; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is soliciting public comment on the following sections in Chapter 3, "Design of Structures, Components, Equipment, and Systems" and soliciting public comment on NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants: LWR Edition," Section 3.9.3 "ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 Components, and Component Supports, and Core Support Structures."

DATES: Comments must be filed no later than September 9, 2013. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, by searching on <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2013-0160. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-0160. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladley, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: 3WFN 06A44M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonathan DeGange, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6992 or email: Jonathan.DeGange@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments

A. Accessing Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2013-0160 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-0160.

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- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2013-0160 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed. The NRC posts all comment submissions at <http://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 in their comment submissions that they do not want to be publicly disclosed. 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. Further Information

The NRC seeks public comment on the proposed revisions to this section. In respect of this revision, details of specific changes are included at the end of the revised section, and are shown in the description of changes.

The changes to this Standard Review Plan (SRP) Chapter reflect the current staff review methods and practices based on lessons learned from NRC reviews of design certification and combined license applications completed since the last revision of this chapter.

These sections have been updated to reflect the guidance provided in SRP 3.12 for Generic Issue 89 on stiff pipe clamps (ADAMS Accession No. ML101720320), as well as in SRP Section 3.9.6 for the operational readiness of snubbers (ADAMS Accession No. ML070720041), and review interfaces have been updated accordingly. Terms have been revised from "Operability" and "Operability Assurance" to "Operational Readiness" for consistency with other SRP sections, including the title of Appendix A, Section 5. Subsection 3.9.3.III.1 and Table 1 in Appendix A were revised to correct discussion of the operating-basis earthquake for new reactors. Additional references were also added to the references section. Accession numbers for the redline document comparing the current revision with the proposed revision are included in the Supplementary Information section.

The NRC staff is issuing this notice to solicit public comments on the revised SRP Sections in Chapter 3. After the NRC staff considers any public comments, it will make a determination regarding the revised SRP Sections in Chapter 3.

Backfitting and Issue Finality

Issuance of this draft SRP, if finalized, would not constitute Backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109, or otherwise be inconsistent with the issue finality