

science facts, understanding of the scientific process, support for spending for scientific research, confidence in scientists, and attitudes toward particular science and technology issues such as nanotechnology and genetically engineered foods.

Data collection is expected to begin in Spring 2018. In recent data collection cycles, the GSS has attained a response rate of approximately 70%. Data is collected primarily by face-to-face interviews, though there is an option for phone interviews. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA). Responses from individuals are voluntary. All individually identifiable information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used for research or statistical purposes, analyzing data, and preparing scientific reports and articles.

2. Use of the Information: The S&T Attitudes Survey was established to gather high-quality data on public attitudes toward and understanding of science for the NCSES biennial publication, *Science and Engineering Indicators* (SEI). SEI is a congressionally mandated report on the status of the science and engineering enterprise in the United States, including comparisons with other countries. The "Science and Technology: Public Attitudes and Understanding" chapter of the report is dedicated to public understanding of and attitudes toward science and technology. These attitudes and understandings may influence students' decisions to pursue STEM careers, public support for funding scientific research, what technologies are adopted and how, and what public policies are put in place. Thus, public attitudes and understandings matter for the status of the science and engineering enterprise in the United States.

The NSF will publish statistics from the survey in NCSES' SEI report and possibly in InfoBriefs that focus on particular research topics. These reports will be made available in print and electronically on the NSF Web site. Public use data files will also be developed and made freely available via the Internet.

3. Expected Respondents: General Social Survey respondents are a probability sample of all noninstitutionalized English and Spanish speaking persons 18 years of age or older, living in the United States.

The sample is a multi-stage area probability sample to the block or segment level. The Primary Sampling Units employed are Standard

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSAs) or non-metropolitan counties. These are stratified by region, age, and race/ethnicity before selection. Smaller geographical units such as segments (which include, for example, city blocks) are further selected, stratified according to race/ethnicity and income. The average cluster size is about 6 to 7 respondents per segment. In a given segment, addresses are selected at random from a list of addresses, and one person is sought to participate from each address. There is, of course, the chance of sample biases due to not-at-homes. To reduce this potential bias, the interviewers are given instructions to canvass and interview usually after 3:00 p.m. on weekdays or during the weekend or holidays. The S&T Attitudes Survey forms a module on the GSS, and only a randomly-selected portion of GSS respondents take the module. To accomplish this, addresses are randomly assigned to take the module. The random assignment of addresses to the module is carried out within segments.

4. Estimate of Burden: In the 2014 GSS data collection cycle, respondents took an average of 20 minutes to respond to the S&T Attitudes Survey module. This is not expected to change. In addition, while the target number of participants is 1,250, this can vary depending on the execution of the GSS. No more than 1,313 participants are expected for the 2018 GSS. Thus, the total number of person-hours expected for the 2018 GSS is at most (20/60)*1,313 or 438 hours.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Subcommittee on APR1400

The ACRS Subcommittee on APR1400 will hold a meeting on April 5, 2017, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T-2B1, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The meeting will be open to public attendance with the exception of portions that may be closed to protect information that is proprietary pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4). The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, April 5, 2017—1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Subcommittee will review the APR1400 Design Control Document and

Safety Evaluation Report with Open Items, Chapter 14, "Verification Programs." The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the NRC staff and Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Company regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Christopher Brown (Telephone 301-415-7111 or Email: Christopher.Brown@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 2016, (81 FR 71543).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs>. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the Web site cited above or by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. After registering with Security, please contact Mr. Theron Brown (Telephone 240-888-9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: March 21, 2017.

Mark L. Banks,

Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Joint Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittees on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena and Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and Probabilistic Risk Assessment; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittees on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena and Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment will hold a joint meeting on April 5, 2017, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T-2B1, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, April 5, 2017–8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The Subcommittees will review the staff's Draft Safety Evaluation Report Regarding South Texas Project's GSI-191 risk-informed license amendment request. The Subcommittees will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the Licensee, NRC staff and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittees will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Derek Widmayer (Telephone 301-415-5375 or Email Derek.Widmayer@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2017-0079]

Quality Assurance Program Criteria (Design and Construction)

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft regulatory guide; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-1326, "Quality Assurance Program Criteria (Design and Construction)." This proposed guide, Revision 5, updates the guidance to endorse, with clarification or exceptions, multiple revisions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers standard NQA-1 titled "Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications." The proposed revision describes methods that NRC considers acceptable for establishing and implementing a quality assurance (QA) program for the design and construction of nuclear power plants and fuel reprocessing plants.

DATES: Submit comments by May 26, 2017. 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 (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specified subject):

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2017-0079. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN-12H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ashley Thomas, Office of New Reactors, telephone: 301-415-6638, email: Ashley.Ferguson@nrc.gov; and Stephen Burton, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301-415-7000, email: Stephen.Burton@nrc.gov. Both are staff members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2017-0079 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this action. You may obtain publically-available information related to this action, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2017-0079.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publically available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/>