

designer greater flexibility to calculate the appropriate impacts for specific environmental parameters. In addition, applicants have already used this method in their license renewal applications.

The NRC staff has selected the F_{en} method, as described in NUREG/CR-6909, "Effect of LWR Coolant Environments on the Fatigue Life of Reactor Materials." In particular, Appendix A to that report, "Incorporating Environmental Effects into Fatigue Evaluations," describes a methodology that the staff considers acceptable to incorporate the effects of reactor coolant environments on fatigue usage factor evaluations of metal components. In addition, NUREG/CR-6909 provides a comprehensive review of, and technical basis for, the methodology proposed in this draft regulatory guide, including analysis of each parameter affecting the fatigue evaluations.

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on both Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1144 and NUREG/CR-6909. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Please mention DG-1144 and/or NUREG/CR-6909 in the subject line of your comments. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). Personal information will not be removed from your comments. You may submit comments by any of the following methods.

Mail comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

E-mail comments to: NRCREP@nrc.gov. You may also submit comments via the NRC's rulemaking Web site at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>. Address questions about our rulemaking Web site to Carol A. Gallagher (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov.

Hand-deliver comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

Fax comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

Requests for technical information about Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1144 may be directed to Hipolito J. Gonzalez at (301) 415-0068 or by e-mail to HJG@nrc.gov.

Comments would be most helpful if received by September 25, 2006. Comments received after that 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.

Electronic copies of the draft regulatory guide are available through the NRC's public Web site under Draft Regulatory Guides in the Regulatory Guides document collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies are also available in ADAMS (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>), under Accession #ML060970173.

Electronic copies of NUREG/CR-6909 are available through the NRC's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/docs4comment.html>. NUREG/CR-6909 is also available through ADAMS (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>), under Accession No. ML061650347.

In addition, regulatory guides and NUREG-series reports are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), which is located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland; the PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4205, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to PDR@nrc.gov. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section; by e-mail to DISTRIBUTION@nrc.gov; or by fax to (301) 415-2289. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated.

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(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of July, 2006.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mark A. Cunningham,

Director, Division of Fuel, Engineering & Radiological Research, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-03: Staff Guidance for Preparing Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives (SAMA) Analyses; Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: NRC is soliciting public comment on its Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-03 (LR-ISG) for preparing Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives (SAMA) analyses. This LR-ISG recommends that applicants for license renewal use the Guidance Document NEI 05-01, Rev. A (ADAMS Accession No. ML060530203) when preparing their SAMA analyses. The NRC staff issues LR-ISGs to facilitate timely implementation of the license renewal rule and to review activities associated with a license renewal application. Upon reviewing public comments, the NRC staff will evaluate the comments and make a determination to incorporate the comments, as appropriate. Once the NRC completes the LR-ISG, it will issue the LR-ISG for NRC and industry use. The NRC staff will also incorporate the approved LR-ISG into the next revision of Supplement 1 to Regulatory Guide 4.2, "Preparation of Supplemental Environmental Reports for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses."

DATES: Comments may be submitted by September 18, 2006. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments should be delivered to: 11545 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, Room T-6D59,

between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Persons may also provide comments via e-mail at RLE@NRC.GOV. The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard L. Emch, Jr., Senior Project Manager, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-1590 or by e-mail at rle@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Attachment 1 to this **Federal Register** notice, entitled *Staff Position and Rationale for the Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-03: Staff Guidance for Preparing Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives (SAMA) Analyses* contains the NRC staff's rationale for publishing the proposed LR-ISG-2006-03. Attachment 2 to this **Federal Register** notice, entitled *Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-03: Staff Guidance for Preparing Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives (SAMA) Analyses*, contains the guidance for preparing SAMA analyses related to license renewal applications.

The NRC staff is issuing this notice to solicit public comments on the proposed LR-ISG-2006-03. After the NRC staff considers any public comments, it will make a determination regarding the proposed LR-ISG.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of August 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Pao-Tsin Kuo,

Deputy Director Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Attachment 1—Staff Position and Rationale for the Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-03: Staff Guidance for Preparing Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives (SAMA) Analyses

Staff Position:

The NRC staff recommends that applicants for license renewal follow the guidance provided in Nuclear Energy Institute NEI 05-01, "Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives

(SAMA) Analysis—Guidance Document," Rev. A when preparing their SAMA analyses.

Rationale:

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) developed a generic Guidance Document NEI 05-01, Rev. A, to help clarify the NRC staff's expectations regarding the information that needs to be included in SAMA analyses. The NRC staff reviewed and concluded that NEI 05-01, Rev. A describes existing NRC regulations, and facilitates complete preparation of SAMA analysis submittals. The staff finds that utilization of the guidance provided in NEI 05-01, Rev. A will result in improved quality in SAMA analyses and a reduction in the number of requests for additional information.

Attachment 2—Proposed License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance LR-ISG-2006-03: Staff Guidance for Preparing Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives (SAMA) Analyses

Introduction

A Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives (SAMA) analyses is required as part of a license renewal application, if a SAMA analysis has not already been performed for the plant and reviewed by the NRC staff. SAMA analyses have been performed and submitted to the NRC as part of all the applications for license renewal received by the staff thus far. Therefore, this LR-ISG is being proposed consistent with our goal to more efficiently resolve license renewal issues identified by the staff or the industry.

Background and Discussion

After receiving extensive requests for additional information regarding the SAMA analyses, several applicants for license renewal concluded that they did not fully understand the kind of information that the NRC staff was expecting to see in SAMA analyses.

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) developed a generic guidance document to help clarify the NRC staff's expectations regarding the information that needs to be submitted in SAMA analyses. On April 8, 2005, NEI submitted NEI 05-01, "Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives (SAMA) Analysis—Guidance Document." The NRC staff reviewed this guidance document, and by letter, dated July 12, 2005, provided comments on NEI 05-01. The NRC staff's comments were discussed during a public meeting between NEI and NRC on July 21, 2005.

On February 17, 2006, NEI submitted its NEI 05-01, Rev. A, dated November 2005. The NRC staff reviewed and concluded that this version fully resolved the NRC staff's comments. In addition, the NRC staff concluded that NEI 05-01, Rev. A, describes existing NRC regulations, and facilitates complete preparation of SAMA analysis submittals.

Some applicants for license renewal have submitted SAMA analyses using the guidance provided in NEI 05-01, Rev. A. The NRC staff found improved quality in the submitted SAMA analyses and a reduction in the number of requests for additional information for those applications that

followed the guidance provided in NEI 05-01, Rev. A.

Proposed Action

The staff is proposing that applicants for license renewal follow the guidance provided in NEI 05-01, Rev. A when preparing their SAMA analyses. The staff finds that NEI 05-01, Rev. A, describes existing NRC regulations, and facilitates complete preparation of SAMA analysis submittals.

Although this proposed LR-ISG does not convey a change in the NRC's regulations or how they are being interpreted, it is being provided to facilitate complete preparation of future SAMA analysis submittals in support of applications for license renewal. The NRC staff plans to incorporate the guidance provided in NEI 05-01, Rev. A, into a future update of Supplement 1 to Regulatory Guide 4.2, "Preparation of Supplemental Environmental Reports for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses." Because this LR-ISG provides a clarification of existing guidance with no additional requirements, the staff did not perform a backfit evaluation. For those that are interested in reviewing NEI 05-01, Rev. A, the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number is ML060530203.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Increase the Equity Options Designated Primary Market Maker Transaction Fee

August 10, 2006.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 17, 2006, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or the "CBOE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).