

Q 5: Which individuals are considered to be committee “members” and therefore covered by the policy?

A 5: The policy applies to all persons who are serving in an individual capacity as members of committees, including those who are full-time Federal employees and those who have been designated to serve as Special Government Employees. Committee members do not include individuals who are invited to attend meetings of committees on an ad hoc basis.

Q 6: How does the policy apply if a statute or presidential directive provides for appointments to be made by State Governors or by members of Congress?

A 6: While the discretion of appointing authorities outside of the Executive Branch will be respected, those appointing authorities should be encouraged to appoint individuals who are not federally registered lobbyists whenever possible, unless the individuals are appointed to serve in a representative capacity on behalf of an interest group or constituency.

Q 7: How does the policy apply when a statute or presidential directive requires the appointment of a specific representative from an organization and that representative is a federally registered lobbyist?

A 7: The policy does not supersede committee membership requirements established by statute or presidential directive. The Office of Government Ethics has cautioned that the term “represent” in a committee’s authorizing legislation or in its enabling documents does not necessarily mean that the members of that committee are to be appointed in a representative capacity rather than an individual capacity. *See* OGE, Federal Advisory Committee Appointments No. 05x4 (Aug. 18, 2005). The term “represent” frequently is used in a more generic sense with regard to members (e.g., to describe the kinds of expertise, knowledge, or employment background that should be included in a committee’s members) rather than for the express purpose of classifying a member’s role on the committee. Committee charters should, wherever possible and at the earliest possible time, be amended to conform to the policy, consistent with statutes and presidential directives.

Q 8: Does this policy also restrict the participation of lobbyists as members of a subcommittee or other work group that performs preparatory work for its parent committee?

A 8: Yes, the policy prohibits the appointment of federally registered lobbyists to a subcommittee or any other subgroup that performs preparatory work for a parent committee if the lobbyists are appointed in an individual capacity, whether or not the subcommittee members are appointed in the same manner as are members of the parent committee. The goal of the Memorandum is to restrict the undue influence of lobbyists on Federal government through their membership on committees, which would include subcommittees and other bodies regardless of whether those positions require formal appointment.

Q 9: Does this policy also restrict the participation of lobbyists as witnesses or experts who appear before or submit advice or materials to committees?

A 9: No, lobbyists may still appear before or otherwise communicate with a committee to provide testimony, information, or input in the same manner as non-lobbyists who are not members of or appointees to the advisory committee, board, commission, or any of its subgroups, to the extent permitted by law and regulation. The purpose of the policy is to prevent lobbyists from being in privileged positions in government. It is not designed to prevent lobbyists or others from petitioning their government. When lobbyists do testify, committees should make reasonable efforts to ensure that they hear a balance of perspectives and are not gathering information or advice exclusively from registered lobbyists.

Q 10: What should an agency do if it appoints to a committee an individual who is not a federally registered lobbyist at the time of appointment, but who, after appointment, becomes a federally registered lobbyist?

A 10: Agencies should make clear to all committee members that conducting activities that would require them to be federally registered lobbyists after appointment to serve on a committee in an individual capacity would necessitate their resignation or removal from committee membership. The appointing officers or their delegates shall ensure, at least annually, that committee members serving in an individual capacity are not federally registered lobbyists and, upon reappointment of the members, either

shall require each member to certify that he or she is not a federally registered lobbyist or shall check the Federal lobbyist databases to confirm that each member has not registered as a lobbyist since appointment. If an agency finds that, following appointment to a committee in an individual capacity, a member subsequently has become a federally registered lobbyist or has engaged in activities which require registration, the agency shall request the resignation of the member.

Q 11: Will there be any waivers available for circumstances in which a federally registered lobbyist possesses unique or exceptional value to a committee?

A 11: The policy makes no provisions for waivers, and waivers will not be permitted under this policy.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2014–0009]

Maintaining the Effectiveness of License Renewal Aging Management Programs

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory issue summary; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2014–09, “Maintaining the Effectiveness of License Renewal Aging Management Programs.” This RIS reminds holders of renewed licenses of the requirements to maintain the effectiveness of their aging management programs and activities. The RIS explains that, in general, renewed license holders are obligated to maintain these programs and activities under their quality assurance program used to meet regulatory requirements.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2014–0009 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2014–0009. 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 obtain 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 RIS is available electronically in ADAMS under Accession No. ML14058A398 and on the NRC’s public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/> (select RIS 2014–09).
- 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC published a notice of opportunity for public comment on this RIS in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 2014 (79 FR 2913). The NRC staff received one set of comments from the Nuclear Energy Institute.

The NRC posts its issued staff guidance on the NRC’s external Web page: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr0800/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan DeGange, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–6992; email: Jonathan.DeGange@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The NRC staff considered all comments which resulted in some changes to the RIS. Its evaluation of these comments and the resulting changes to the RIS are discussed in a publicly available document, which is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML14071A434.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of August 2014.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2013–0210]

Revisions to NUREG–0800, Chapters 2 and 3

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Standard review plan-final section revision; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing final revisions to the following sections in Chapters 2 and 3 of NUREG–0800, “Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants: LWR Edition,” Section 2.5.1, “Basic Geologic and Seismic Information,” Section 2.5.2, “Vibratory Ground Motion,” Section 2.5.3, “Surface Faulting,” Section 2.5.4, “Stability of Subsurface Materials and Foundations,” Section 2.5.5, “Stability of Slopes,” and Section 3.7.4, “Seismic Instrumentation.”

DATES: The effective date of this Standard Review Plan (SRP) update is September 12, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2013–0210 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2013–0210. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–287–3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.
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SRP section	Final revision	Draft revision	Redline strikeout
2.5.1	ML13316C067	ML12300A231	ML13340A120
2.5.2	ML13316C066	ML12301A010	ML14023A174
2.5.3	ML13316C064	ML12302A003	ML13340A121
2.5.4	ML13311B744	ML12302A004	ML13340A122
2.5.5	ML13316C068	ML12302A005	ML13340A123
3.7.4	ML13324A570	ML12304A031	ML13340A124

I. Background

On September 9, 2013 (78 FR 55118), the NRC staff published SRP section 3.7.4 for public comment. Additionally, on September 13, 2013 (78 FR 56749), the NRC staff published SRP sections 2.5.1–2.5.5 for public comment. The NRC staff received no comments on the proposed revisions. This guidance is being issued as final for use. Details of specific changes between current SRP guidance and the final guidance being

issued here are included at the end of each of the revised sections themselves, under the “Description of Changes” subsections.

II. Backfitting and Issue Finality

These SRP section revisions provide guidance to the staff for reviewing applications for a construction permit and an operating license under part 50 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) with respect to site