

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public comment a draft of a revised existing guide in the agency's Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft regulatory guide, entitled "Guidance on Monitoring and Responding to Reactor Coolant System Leakage," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1173, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence.

General Design Criterion (GDC) 14, "Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary," as set forth in Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," to Title 10, Part 50, of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 50), "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities", requires that the reactor coolant pressure boundary (RCPB) shall be designed, fabricated, erected, and tested so as to have an extremely low probability of abnormal leakage, of rapidly propagating failure, and of gross rupture. As a result, these nuclear components are normally designed to the criteria established in Section III of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code promulgated by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

During the design phase, degradation-resistant materials are normally specified for reactor coolant system components. However, materials can degrade as a result of the complex interaction of the materials, the stresses they encounter, and the normal and upset operating environments in which they are used. Such material degradation could lead to the leakage of the reactor coolant. Consequently, GDC 30, "Quality of Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary," of Appendix A to 10 CFR

Part 50, requires that means shall be provided for detecting and, to the extent practical, identifying the location of the source of reactor coolant leakage. Additionally, 10 CFR 50.55a, "Codes and Standards", requires the performance of inservice inspection and testing of nuclear power plant components. Thus, the concept of defense-in-depth is used to provide assurance that structural integrity of the RCPB is maintained. This guide describes methods that the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) considers acceptable for implementing these requirements, with regard to selecting reactor coolant leakage detection systems, monitoring for leakage, and responding to leakage. This guide applies to light-water cooled reactors.

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1173. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data, and should mention DG-1173 in the subject line. 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: Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing 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: Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing 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: Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

Requests for technical information about Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1173 may be directed to NRC Senior Program Manager, Makuteswara Srinivasan, at (301) 415-6356 or e-mail MXS5@nrc.gov.

Comments would be most helpful if received by 60 days from issuance of FRN. 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 Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1173 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 #ML071070410.

In addition, regulatory guides 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) 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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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of June, 2007.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC; Report Available for Comment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Announcement of issuance for public comment, availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission currently has three separate documents providing guidance to the public on how to submit documents electronically to the agency. The NRC has consolidated these documents into one guidance document and is issuing it for public comment. This guidance contains a new chapter providing guidance for Combined License Application (COLA) submittals. Its provisions pertaining to electronic filings in adjudications (other than the high level waste repository licensing proceeding and the Vogtle early site permit proceeding) are not to be used until the Commission issues its final rule on the subject.

DATES: The NRC expects to update the guidance found in this document as changes in technology warrant. Comments from the public are welcome at any time and the NRC will make changes to this document as appropriate.

ADDRESSES: "Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC" is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, Public File Area O1-F21, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC after November 1, 1999, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>. From this site, the public can gain entry into the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS Accession Number for "Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC" is: ML071580647. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

A free single copy of "Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC" may be requested by writing to Office of Administration, Reproduction and Distribution Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Printing and Graphics Branch, Washington, DC 20555-0001; facsimile: 301-415-2289; e-mail: DISTRIBUTION@nrc.gov.

Please submit comments to Chief, Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. You may also deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Federal workdays, or e-mail to: nrcprep@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas E. Smith, Information and Records Services Division, Office of Information Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: 301-415-7043, e-mail: tes@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The report "Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC", consolidates several pre-existing documents that provide guidance for electronic submittals to the NRC. The result is a single guidance document, which addresses electronic submittals to the NRC. The following documents have been consolidated into this guidance document and are superseded:

1. Guidance for Submission of Electronic Docket Materials under 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart J,
2. Guidance for Submission of Electronic Docket Materials (10 CFR Part 2, Subpart C, 10 CFR Part 13, 10 CFR Part 110) and
3. Appendix A, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, June 18, 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Submission for OMB Review— Comment Request

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the Agency is preparing an information collection request for OMB review and approval and to request public review and comment on the submission. Comments are being solicited on the need for the information; the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, practical utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed form, OMB control number

3420-0001, under review is summarized below.

DATES: Comments must be received within 60 calendar-days of publication of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency submitting officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the Agency Submitting Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OPIC Agency Submitting Officer: Essie Bryant, Record Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20527; (202) 336-8563.

Summary Form Under Review

Type of Request: Revised form.

Title: Request for Registration for Political Risk Investment Insurance.

Form Number: OPIC-50.

Frequency of Use: Once per investor per project.

Type of Respondents: Business or other institution (except farms); individuals.

Description of Affected Public: U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

Reporting Hours: ½ hour per project.

Number of Responses: 333 per year.

Federal Cost: \$1,000.00.

Authority for Information Collection: Sections 231, 234(a), 239(d), and 240A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): The OPIC Form 50 is submitted by eligible investors to register their intent to make international investments, and ultimately, to seek OPIC political risk insurance. By submitting Form 50 to OPIC prior to making an irrevocable commitment, the incentive effect of OPIC is demonstrated.

Dated: June 22, 2007.

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