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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory  
 Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft Regulatory Guide:  
 Issuance, Availability.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory  
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 comment a draft guide in the agency's  
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 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  
 "Qualification of Safety-Related Battery  
 Chargers & Inverters for Nuclear Power  
 Plants," is temporarily identified by its  
 task number, DG-1148, which should be  
 mentioned in all related  
 correspondence.

The Commission's regulations in Title  
 10, Part 50, of the *Code of Federal  
 Regulations* (10 CFR part 50), "Domestic  
 Licensing of Production and Utilization  
 Facilities," require that structures,  
 systems, and components that are  
 important to safety in a nuclear power  
 plant must be designed to accommodate  
 the effects of environmental conditions  
 [i.e., remain functional under postulated  
 design-basis events (DBEs)]. Toward  
 that end, the general requirements are  
 contained in General Design Criteria 1,  
 2, 4, and 23 of Appendix A, "General  
 Design Criteria for Nuclear Power  
 Plants," to 10 CFR part 50. Augmenting  
 those general requirements, the specific  
 requirements pertaining to qualification  
 of certain electrical equipment

important to safety are contained in 10  
 CFR 50.49, "Environmental  
 Qualification of Electric Equipment  
 Important to Safety for Nuclear Power  
 Plants." In addition, Criterion III,  
 "Design Control," of Appendix B,  
 "Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear  
 Power Plants," to 10 CFR part 50,  
 requires that where a test program is  
 used to verify the adequacy of a specific  
 design feature, it should include  
 suitable qualification testing of a  
 prototype unit under the most severe  
 DBE.

This regulatory guide describes a  
 method that the NRC considers  
 acceptable for use in implementing  
 specific parts of the agency's regulations  
 for qualification of safety-related battery  
 chargers and inverters for nuclear power  
 plants.

#### II. Further Information

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Comments would be most helpful if  
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 received after that date will be  
 considered if it is practical to do so, but

the NRC is able to ensure consideration  
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 connection with items for inclusion in  
 guides currently being developed or  
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