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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON CHANGES TO WASTE BURIAL CHARGES FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT DECOMMISSIONING FUNDS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment on draft revisions to its guidance document for nuclear power plant licensees to determine their decommissioning funding requirements.

The draft guidance, NUREG-1307, Revision 15, "Report on Waste Burial Charges – Changes in Decommissioning Waste Disposal Costs at Low-Level Waste Burial Facilities," is updated every two years to aid licensees in submitting their biennial reports to NRC on minimum decommissioning funding assurance. The next reports are due by March 31, 2013, to cover funding assurance as of the end of this year.

Revision 15 includes a reassessment of low-level waste disposal costs that would result in an increase in the amount of decommissioning funds required.

This is the first revision of NUREG-1307 to be issued for public comment. Earlier this year, the Commission [directed the staff](#) to seek public comment on future revisions consistent with the agency's "openness" principle of good regulation. The proposed changes were presented publicly in March 2011 at a workshop on decommissioning funding.

Revision 15 is available through the NRC's Adams document database ([ML12257A191](#)). A notice about the revision was published today in the [Federal Register](#). Comments will be accepted through Oct. 22 and may be submitted to through the federal rulemaking website at www.regulations.gov using Docket ID NRC-2010-0362; by mail to Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; or by fax to RADB at 301-492-3446.

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