

staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 1 of RG1.68.3 was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG–1268. This guide describes methods and procedures the staff of the NRC considers acceptable to implement preoperational testing of the instrument and control air systems (ICAS) in a commercial nuclear power plant. Successful demonstration of the operability of the ICAS is one of the items required by Appendix A, “General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants,” in part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities.” This guide also describes the methods that the NRC staff finds acceptable for the initial test program for ICAS systems, structures, and components (SSCs) in accordance with the regulations in 10 CFR Part 52, “Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants,” Subpart B, “Standard Design Certifications,” and Subpart C, “Combined Licenses.”

II. Further Information

DG–1268, was published in the **Federal Register** on March 16, 2012 (77 FN 15813), for a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on May 18, 2012. No public comments on DG–1268 were received; therefore no content changes were made during its conversion to a regulatory guide.

III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Issuance of this final regulatory guide does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (the Backfit Rule) and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. As discussed in the “Implementation” section of this regulatory guide, the NRC has no current intention to impose this regulatory guide on holders of current operating licenses or combined licenses.

This regulatory guide may be applied to applications for operating licenses and combined licenses docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance of the final regulatory guide, as well as future applications for operating licenses and combined licenses submitted after the issuance of the regulatory guide. Such

action does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) or is otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provision in 10 CFR Part 52, inasmuch as such applicants or potential applicants are not within the scope of entities protected by the Backfit Rule or the relevant issue finality provisions in Part 52.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of September, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from July 1, 2012, to July 31, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Senior Executive Resources Services, Executive Resources and Employee Development, Employee Services, 202–606–2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/. OPM also publishes annually a consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B and C appointing authorities current as of June 30 as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule A

Schedule A authorities to report during July 2012.

75. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Sch. A, 213.3175)

(a) One Asian Studies Program Administrator, one International Security Studies Program Administrator, one Latin American Program Administrator, one Russian Studies Program Administrator, one West European Program Administrator, one Environmental Change & Security Studies Program Administrator, one United States Studies Program Administrator, two Social Science Program Administrators, one Middle East Studies Program Administrator, one African Studies Program Administrator and one Global Sustainability and Resilience Program Administrator.

The following correction was made under Schedule A.

11. Department of Homeland Security (Sch. A, 213.3211)

(e) Papago Indian Agency—Not to exceed 25 positions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Tactical Officers (Shadow Wolves) in the Papago Indian Agency in the State of Arizona when filled by the appointment of persons of one-fourth or more Indian blood. (Formerly 213.3105(b)(9))

Schedule B

Schedule B authorities to report during July 2012.

11. Department of Homeland Security (Sch. B, 213.3211)

(b) Secret Service—Positions concerned with the protection of the life and safety of the President and members of his immediate family, or other persons for whom similar protective services are prescribed by law, when filled in accordance with special appointment procedures approved by OPM. Service under this authority may not exceed:

- (1) A total of 4 years; or
- (2) 120 days following completion of the service required for conversion under Executive Order 11203. (Formerly 213.3205(d)).

Schedule C

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
Department of Agriculture	Farm Service Agency	State Executive Director	DA120089	7/3/2012
	Office of Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.	Staff Assistant	DA120091	7/6/2012
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.	Special Assistant	DA120092	7/6/2012
Department of Commerce	Office of the Chief of Staff	Director of Advance	DC120134	7/3/2012
	Office of Under Secretary	Deputy Chief of Staff	DC120129	7/10/2012

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
	Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration.	Senior Director for Performance and Business Process Improvement.	DC120136	7/10/2012
	Office of the Director	Associate Director for Legislative, Education and Intergovernmental Affairs.	DC120137	7/10/2012
	Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance.	Senior Advisor	DC120139	7/24/2012
	Advocacy Center	Special Assistant	DC120141	7/24/2012
	Office of Public Affairs	Press Secretary	DC120146	7/25/2012
Council on Environmental Quality ...	Council on Environmental Quality ..	Special Assistant (Communications).	EQ120005	7/3/2012
	Council on Environmental Quality ..	Special Assistant Public Engagement.	EQ120006	7/6/2012
Department of Defense	Washington Headquarters Services	Defense Fellow	DD120086	7/3/2012
	Washington Headquarters Services	Defense Fellow	DD120089	7/3/2012
	Washington Headquarters Services	Defense Fellow	DD120090	7/3/2012
	Washington Headquarters Services	Defense Fellow	DD120091	7/3/2012
	Washington Headquarters Services	Defense Fellow	DD120092	7/3/2012
	Washington Headquarters Services	Defense Fellow	DD120096	7/12/2012
Department of Education	Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs.	Confidential Assistant	DB120080	7/17/2012
	Office of the Secretary	Confidential Assistant	DB120069	7/19/2012
	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DB120077	7/19/2012
	Office of the Secretary	Confidential Assistant	DB120082	7/30/2012
Department of Energy	Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.	Special Advisor	DE120113	7/6/2012
	Office of Management	Special Assistant	DE120115	7/19/2012
	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DE120119	7/20/2012
	Office of Environmental Management.	Special Assistant	DE120122	7/24/2012
Export-Import Bank	Office of Communications	Speechwriter	EB120004	7/6/2012
General Services Administration	Office of the Administrator	Press Secretary	GS120023	7/12/2012
Department of Health and Human Services.	Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs.	Regional Director, Atlanta, Georgia, Region IV.	DH120122	7/24/2012
Department of Homeland Security ..	U.S. Customs and Border Protection.	Senior Advisor for Strategic Communications.	DM120145	7/10/2012
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Public Affairs and Strategic Communications Assistant.	DM120151	7/30/2012
	Office of the Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs Directorate.	Special Assistant	DM120155	7/30/2012
Department of Justice	Office of the Attorney General	Special Assistant	DJ120079	7/2/2012
Department of Labor	Employment and Training Administration.	Senior Policy Advisor	DL120070	7/10/2012
	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DL120072	7/25/2012
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.	Chief of Staff	Special Assistant	NN120061	7/12/2012
Office of Management and Budget	National Security Programs	Confidential Assistant	BO120030	7/6/2012
Office of National Drug Control Policy.	Office of Intergovernmental Public Liaison.	Public Engagement Specialist	QQ120004	7/20/2012
Securities and Exchange Commission.	Office of the Chairman	Deputy Director, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.	SE120005	7/26/2012
Small Business Administration	Office of the Administrator	Senior Advisor	SB120028	7/12/2012
	Office of Entrepreneurial Development.	Director of Clusters and Skills Initiatives.	SB120027	7/13/2012
Department of State	Bureau of Legislative Affairs	Senior Advisor	DS120097	7/6/2012
	Office of the Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy and Human Rights.	Senior Advisor	DS120098	7/12/2012
	Office of the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Affairs.	Staff Assistant	DS120096	7/19/2012
	Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs.	Staff Assistant	DS120090	7/20/2012
Department of the Treasury	Under Secretary for Domestic Finance.	Special Assistant	DY120101	7/11/2012
	Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets.	Senior Policy Analyst	DY120106	7/13/2012

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
Department of Veterans Affairs	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Special Assistant	DV120061	7/13/2012

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were revoked during July 2012.

Agency	Organization	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
Department of Commerce	Office of Policy and Strategic Planning.	Special Assistant	DC110086	7/6/2012
	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Assistant	DC120023	7/7/2012
	Office of the Chief of Staff	Deputy Director of Advance	DC110117	7/8/2012
	Office of the Chief of Staff	Senior Advisor to the Secretary	DC120018	7/9/2012
Department of Homeland Security ..	International Trade Administration	Special Advisor	DC100140	7/28/2012
	Office of the Executive Secretary for Operations and Administration.	Secretary Briefing Book Coordinator.	DM110023	7/6/2012
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Special Projects Coordinator	DM120134	7/18/2012
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs.	Confidential Assistant	DM120061	7/20/2012
Department of Justice	Office of the Attorney General	Director of Advance	DJ090218	7/27/2012
	Civil Rights Division	Counsel	DJ100004	7/28/2012
Department of the Air Force	Office of Assistant Secretary Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller.	Special Assistant, Financial Administration and Programs.	DF100005	7/14/2012
Environmental Protection Agency ... Small Business Administration	Operations Staff	Special Representative	EP120005	7/13/2012
	Office of Management and Administration.	Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Management and Administration.	SB110019	7/14/2012
	Office of Entrepreneurial Development.	Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development.	SB100042	7/14/2012
United States International Trade Commission.	Office of the Chairman	Executive Assistant	TC020003	7/3/2012

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., p. 218.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

John Berry,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Salary Council

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Salary Council will meet on October 19, 2012, at the time and location shown below. The Council is an advisory body composed of representatives of Federal employee organizations and experts in the fields of labor relations and pay policy. The Council makes recommendations to the President's Pay Agent (the Secretary of Labor and the Directors of the Office of

Management and Budget and the Office of Personnel Management) about the locality pay program for General Schedule employees under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code. The Council's recommendations cover the establishment or modification of locality pay areas, the coverage of salary surveys, the process of comparing Federal and non-Federal rates of pay, and the level of comparability payments that should be paid.

The Council will hear public testimony about the locality pay program, review the results of pay comparisons, and formulate its recommendations to the President's Pay Agent on pay comparison methods, locality pay rates, and locality pay areas and boundaries for 2014. The meeting is open to the public. Please contact the Office of Personnel Management at the address shown below if you wish to submit testimony or present material to the Council at the meeting.

DATES: October 19, 2012, at 9 a.m.

Location: Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 1350, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerome D. Mikowicz, Deputy Associate Director, Pay and Leave, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7H31, Washington, DC 20415-8200. Phone (202) 606-2838; FAX (202) 606-4264; or email at *pay-leave-policy@opm.gov*.

For The President's Pay Agent:

John Berry,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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