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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2012-0195]

Configuration Management Plans for Digital Computer Software Used in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Draft regulatory guide; request
for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-1206, "Configuration Management Plan for Digital Computer Software Used in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants." The DG-1206 is proposed Revision 1 of RG 1.169, dated September 1997. This revision endorses, with clarifications, the enhanced consensus practices for planning software configuration management (SCM) as described in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standard 828-2005, "IEEE Standard for Software Configuration Management Plans."

DATES: Submit comments by November 23, 2012. Comments received after this 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.

ADDRESSES: You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publicly available, by searching on <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2012-0195. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0195. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.
- *Mail comments 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.
- *Fax comments to:* RADB at 301-492-3446.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments,

see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl Sturzebecher, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-251-7494 or email Karl.Sturzebecher@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments

A. Accessing Information

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B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2012-0195 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed. The NRC posts all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enters the comment submissions into

ADAMS. The NRC does not edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information in their comment submissions that they do not want to be publicly disclosed. Your request should state that the NRC will not edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

II. Further Information

The NRC is issuing for public comment a draft guide in the NRC's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was 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 "Configuration Management Plans for Digital Computer Software Used in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants" is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1206. The DG-1206 is proposed Revision 1 of RG 1.169, "Configuration Management Plans for Digital Computer Software Used in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants" dated September 1997.

This RG endorses IEEE Std. 828-2005, "IEEE Standard for Software Configuration Management Plans," issued in 2005, with the exceptions stated in the regulatory positions. IEEE Std. 828-2005 describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff for use in complying with the NRC's regulations for promoting high functional reliability and design quality in software used in safety systems. In particular, the methods are consistent with part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," General Design Criterion 1, "Quality Standards and Records," which requires, in part, that the nuclear power unit licensee maintain or control appropriate records of the design and testing of structures, systems, and components important to safety throughout the life of the unit.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2012-52; Order No. 1436]

International Mail Rates

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service notice of

changes in rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2. This notice informs the public of the filing, addresses preliminary procedural matters, and invites public comment.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by telephone for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel at 202-789-6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of filing. The Commission hereby provides notice that on August 13, 2012, the Postal Service filed a Notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5, announcing its intention to change rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2, effective January 1, 2013.¹ The Notice does not include any classification changes. Notice at 3.

Representations. The Postal Service states that Governors' Decision No. 08-20 established prices and classifications for this product and identifies subsequent dockets addressing price changes. *Id.* at 1-2. It also incorporates by reference (1) a previous explanation attributing the two-tiered rate structure for Inbound Expedited Services to the EMS Cooperative's expectation that all members will participate in the Pay-for-Performance Plan, and (2) a 2012 listing of countries indicating which designated postal operators fall into each price tier.² *Id.* at 2.

The Postal Service asserts that the new rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2 are in compliance with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633(a)(2) and that it has met its burden of providing notice to the Commission of changed rates within the scope of Governors' Decision No. 11-6, as required by 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3). *Id.* at 3-4.

Attachments. The Notice includes an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal (Attachment 1). These materials include Governors' Decision Nos. 08-20 and 11-6, the new rates, and financial work papers prepared to demonstrate compliance

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, August 10, 2012 (Notice).

² See Docket No. CP2009-57 (for explanation of rate structure) and United States Postal Service Quarterly Update in Response to Order No. 162, Docket Nos. MC2009-10 and CP2009-12, July 20 2012 (for a list of countries).