Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide 1.148

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I. Introduction


The NRC is withdrawing RG 1.148 because the guidance it provides is outdated, and is essentially replaced by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers/American National Standards Institute (ASME/ANSI) standard N278.1-1975 and addressed the functional specification for active valve assemblies (e.g., Motor Operated Valve (MOV) actuators), ASME/ANSI Standard N278.1-1975 has been superseded by ASME QME-1, which defines requirements and provides guidelines for qualifying active mechanical equipment used in nuclear power plants.

The NRC is withdrawing RG 1.148 because the guidance it provides is outdated, and is essentially replaced by the recently issued Revision 3 of RG 1.100, “Seismic Qualification of Electric and Mechanical Equipment for Nuclear Power Plants,” which endorses ASME QME-1.

II. Further Information

The withdrawal of RG 1.148 does not alter any prior or existing licensing commitments based on its use. The guidance provided in this regulatory guide is neither necessary nor current. Regulatory guidance may be withdrawn when their guidance is superseded by congressional action or no longer provides useful information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Vocational Report: 3220–0141

Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) provides for payment of disability annuities to qualified employees and widow(ers). The establishment of permanent disability for work in the applicants “regular occupation” or for work in any regular employment is prescribed in 20 CFR 220.12 and 220.13 respectively.

The RRB utilizes Form G–251, Vocational Report, to obtain an applicant’s work history. This information is used by the RRB to determine the effect of a disability on an applicant’s ability to work. Form G–251 is designed for use with the RBB’s disability benefit application forms and is provided to all applicants for employee disability annuities and to those applicants for a widow(er)’s disability annuity who indicate that they have been employed at some time. Completion is required to obtain or retain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent. The completion time for Form G–251 is estimated at between 30 and 40 minutes per response.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (74 FR 56244 on October 30, 2009) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR) Title: Vocational Report.

Form(s) submitted: G–251.

OMB Control Number: 3220–0141.

Expiration date of current OMB clearance: 1/31/2010.

Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 6,000.

Total annual responses: 6,000.

Total annual reporting hours: 3,045.

Abstract: Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act provides for the payment of disability annuities to qualified employees and widow(er)s. In order to determine the effect of a disability on an applicant’s ability to work, the RRB needs the applicants work history. The collection obtains the information needed to determine their ability to work.

Changes Proposed: The RRB proposes minor non-burden, impacting changes to Form G–251.

2. Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Job Information Report: 3220–0193

In July of 1997, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) adopted standards for the adjudication of occupational disabilities under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA). As part of these standards, the RRB requests job information to determine an applicant’s...