

College Valley, Cape Bird, ASPA 121–Cape Royds, and ASPA 124–Cape Crozier to collect soils and associated terrestrial invertebrates found in ornithogenic soils from penguin rookeries. The intent of the survey is to describe suitable habitats in ornithogenic soils of Ross Island and to compare these habitats with those identified in the Dry Valleys.

Location

ASPA 116–New College Valley, Cape Bird, ASPA 121–Cape Royds, and ASPA 124–Cape Crozier.

Dates

January 1, 2012 to February 25, 2012.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Computing Communication Foundations; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

NAME: Site Visit, Proposal Panel Review for Expeditions in Computing Program (#1192).

DATE/TIME:

October 15, 2012 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

October 16, 2012 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

October 17, 2012 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

PLACE: University of Minnesota—Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN.

TYPE OF MEETING: Partial Closed.

CONTACT PERSON: Vasant G. Honavar, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1125, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–7129.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To assess the progress of the EIC Award: 1029711, “Collaborative Research: Mining Climate and Ecosystem Data”, and to provide advice and recommendations concerning further NSF support for the Center.

AGENDA:

Monday, October 15, 2012

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Closed

Site Team and NSF Staff meets to discuss Site Visit materials, review process and charge.

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to Open

Presentations by Awardee Institution, faculty staff and students, to Site Team

and NSF Staff. Discussions and question and answer sessions.

1 p.m.–8 p.m. Closed

Draft report on education and research activities.

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

8:30 a.m.–noon Open

Response presentations by Awardee Institution faculty staff to Site Team and NSF Staff. Discussions and question and answer sessions.

Noon to 3 p.m. Closed

Complete written site visit report with preliminary recommendations.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 28, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[[NRC–2012–0231]]

Control of Ferrite Content in Stainless Steel Weld Metal

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–1279, “Control of Ferrite Content in Stainless Steel Weld Metal.” This guide describes a method that the NRC staff considers acceptable for controlling ferrite content in stainless steel weld metal. Revision 4 updates the guide to remove references to outdated standards and to remove an appendix that has been incorporated into relevant specifications.

DATES: Submit comments by December 2, 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–2012–0231. 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–2012–0231. 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:

Mekonen Bayssie, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–251–7489 or email: Mekonen.Bayssie@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments

A. Accessing Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2012–0231 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publicly available, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2012–0231.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The draft

regulatory guide is available electronically under ADAMS Accession No. ML12024A004. The regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML12024A014.

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- *NRC's PDR*: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2012-0231 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, "Control of Ferrite Content in Stainless Steel Weld Metal," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1279. The DG-1279 is proposed revision 4 of Regulatory Guide 1.31, dated April 1978. Revision 4 updates the guide to remove references to outdated standards and to remove an appendix that has

been incorporated into relevant specifications.

This guide describes a method that the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) considers acceptable for controlling ferrite content in stainless steel weld metal. This guide is intended to supplement the ASME Code requirements to ensure control of delta ferrite in welds in austenitic stainless steel core support structures, reactor internals, and Class 1, 2, and 3 components. The NRC staff seeking input on the latest technical standards that should be in this guide. Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of September, 2012.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Thomas H. Boyce,

Chief, Regulatory Guide Development Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2012-0100]

Burnup Credit in the Criticality Safety Analyses of Pressurized Water Reactor Spent Fuel in Transportation and Storage Casks

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Interim staff guidance; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is issuing a Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Interim Staff Guidance (SFST-ISG)-8, Revision 3, entitled, "Burnup Credit in the Criticality Safety Analyses of PWR [Pressurized Water Reactor] Spent Fuel in Transportation and Storage Casks." This SFST-ISG provides guidance for use by NRC staff when reviewing applications requesting burnup credit in the criticality safety analyses of pressurized water reactor spent nuclear fuel (SNF) in transportation packages and storage casks. SFST-ISG-8, Revision 3, includes two major changes in the staff recommendations: (1) optional credit for fission product and minor actinide neutron absorbing isotopes in the SNF composition, and (2) misload analyses and additional administrative procedures in lieu of a burnup measurement at the time of loading.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2012-0100 when contacting the NRC about the availability of

information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publicly available, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0100. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

- *NRC's Interim Staff Guidance Web Site*: The SFST-ISG documents are also available online under the "Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation" heading at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/#int>.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS)*: You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The SFST-ISG-8, Revision 3, is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML12261A433.

- *NRC's PDR*: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Andrew Barto, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-492-3336; email: Andrew.Barto@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC issues SFST-ISGs to communicate insights and lessons learned and to address emergent issues not covered in SFST Standard Review Plans. In this way, the NRC staff and stakeholders may use the guidance in an SFST-ISG document before it is incorporated into a formal SRP revision.

The NRC staff has developed SFST-ISG-8, Revision 3 to (a) incorporate the results of burnup credit criticality safety research performed since the last SFST-ISG-8 revision in 2002 into the limits for the licensing basis, (b) provide recommendations regarding advanced isotopic depletion and criticality code validation techniques, (c) provide recommendations regarding credit for fission product neutron absorbing nuclides in the criticality analysis for