III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Issuance of this final RG 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 RG, the NRC has no current intention to impose this RG on holders of current operating licenses, early site permits or combined licenses, unless this final RG is part of the licensing basis for the facility.

The NRC may apply this RG to applications for operating licenses, early site permits and combined licenses docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance of the final RG, as well as to future applications for operating licenses, early site permits and combined licenses submitted after the issuance of the RG. Such action does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) and is not 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.

Congressional Review Act

This RG is a rule as designated in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801–808). However, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has not found it to be a major rule as designated in the Congressional Review Act.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of July, 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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

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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: Revision to Regulatory Guide; Issuance.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing RG in the NRC’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information such as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of NRC 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.

II. Further Information

Revision 1 of RG 1.169 was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG–1206 on August 22, 2012 (77 FR 50727) for a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on November 22, 2012. Multiple public comments were received and addressed by the NRC staff. These comments and the NRC staff responses are available in ADAMS under Accession number ML12355A529.

Revision 1 of RG 1.169 endorses IEEE Std. 828–2005, “IEEE Standard for Software Configuration Management Plans,” issued in 2005 with the exceptions and clarifications stated in Section C, “Staff Regulatory Guidance of the RG.” IEEE Std. 828–2005 describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff for use in complying with NRC regulations for quality standards that promote high functional reliability and design quality in software used in safety systems. In particular, the methods are consistent with GDC 1 in Appendix A to part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) and the criteria for quality assurance programs in Appendix B to 10 CFR part 50 as they apply to the maintenance and control of appropriate records of software development activities. The criteria of Appendices A and B of 10 CFR part 50 apply to systems and related quality assurance processes, and the requirements also extend to software elements if those systems include software.

This RG is one of six RG revisions addressing computer software development and use in safety related systems of nuclear power plants. These RGs were developed by the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Division of Engineering (RES/DE) with the assistance of multiple individuals in the Office of New Reactors, Division of Engineering (NRO/DE); Office Nuclear
Reactor Regulation, Division of Engineering (NRR/DE); and the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, Division of Security Policy (NSIR/DSP). The six interrelated RGs are:


III. Backﬁtting and Issue Finality

Issuance of this revised RG 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 RG, the NRC has no current intention to impose this RG on holders of current operating licenses, early site permits or combined licenses, unless this ﬁnal regulatory guide is part of the licensing basis for the facility.

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Software Requirement Speciﬁcations for Digital Computer Software Used in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Revision to regulatory guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a revised regulatory guide (RG), revision 1 of RG 1.172, “Software Requirement Speciﬁcations for Digital Computer Software used in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants.” This RG endorses the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Standard (Std.) 830–1998, “IEEE Recommended Practice for Software Requirements Speciﬁcations,” issued in 1998 and reafﬁrmed in 2009 with the exceptions and clariﬁcations stated in Section C, “Staff Regulatory Guidance” of RG 1.172. In addition, 830–1998 describes methods that the NRC staff considers acceptable to demonstrate compliance with NRC regulations for achieving high functional reliability and design quality in software used in safety systems in nuclear power plants.

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