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Report on Waste Burial Charges;

Changes in Decommissioning Waste Disposal Costs at

Low-Level Waste Burial Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: NUREG; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing NUREG-1307, Revision 18, "Report on Waste Burial Charges: Changes in Decommissioning Waste Disposal Costs at Low-Level Waste Burial Facilities." This report, which is revised periodically, explains the formula acceptable to the NRC for determining the minimum decommissioning fund requirements for nuclear power reactor licensees, as required by NRC regulations. Specifically, this report provides the adjustment factor and updates the values for the labor, energy, and waste burial escalation factors of the minimum formula.

DATES: NUREG-1307, Revision 18, is available on **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

Pursuant to section 50.75 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Reporting and Recordkeeping for Decommissioning Planning,” the NRC requires nuclear power reactor licensees to adjust annually, in current year dollars, their estimate of the cost to decommission their plants. The annual updates are part of the process for providing reasonable assurance that adequate funds for decommissioning will be available when needed.

Revision 18 of NUREG-1307, “Report on Waste Burial Charges: Changes in Decommissioning Waste Disposal Costs at Low-Level Waste Burial Facilities,” modifies the previous revision to this report issued in February 2019 (ADAMS Accession No. ML19037A405) and incorporates updates to the adjustment factor and to the labor, energy, and waste burial escalation factors of the NRC minimum decommissioning fund

formula. Due to modest pricing changes in low-level waste burial charges at the nation's four low-level waste disposal facilities, the minimum decommissioning fund formula amounts calculated by licensees, based on revised low-level waste burial factors presented in this report, will likely reflect minimum decommissioning fund requirements (on average) that are similar to or slightly lower than those reported by licensees in 2019.

II. Additional Information

The NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* on November 17, 2020 (85 FR 73299) requesting public comment on draft NUREG-1307, Revision 18. The public comment period closed on December 17, 2020. The NRC received four public comments. The public comments and the NRC staff's responses are presented in a comment resolution matrix available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML21008A253. The staff considered the public comments received on the draft document in preparing final NUREG-1307, Revision 18.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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