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Regulatory Guide: Sizing Large Lead-Acid Storage Batteries

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.212, "Sizing Large Lead-Acid Storage Batteries". This RG describes an approach that is acceptable to the staff of the NRC to meet regulatory requirements for sizing large lead-acid storage batteries for production and utilization facilities.

DATES: Revision 2 to RG 1.212 is available on **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

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Revision 2 to RG 1.212 and the regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML23118A344 and ML22307A144, respectively.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC is issuing a revision in the NRC's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency's regulations, to explain techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and to describe information that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The proposed Revision 2 to RG 1.212 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide, (DG)-1418. This revision of the RG (Revision 2) endorses, with some limitations and a clarification, IEEE Std. 485-2020, "IEEE Recommended Practice for Sizing Lead-Acid Batteries for Stationary Applications," and applies to

production and utilization facilities licensed under parts 50 and 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) within the scope of this RG.

II. Additional Information

The NRC published a notice of the availability of DG-1418 in the *Federal Register* on March 6, 2023 (88 FR 13735) for a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on April 5, 2023. Public comments on DG-1418 and the staff responses to the public comments are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML23118A345.

As noted in the *Federal Register* on December 9, 2022 (87 FR 75671), this document is being published in the "Rules" section of the *Federal Register* to comply with publication requirements in 1 CFR chapter I.

III. Congressional Review Act

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

IV. Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

Issuance of RG 1.212, Revision 2, does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109, "Backfitting," and as described in NRC Management Directive (MD) 8.4, "Management of Backfitting, Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests"; affect the issue finality of an approval issued under 10 CFR part 52; or constitute forward fitting as defined in MD 8.4 because, as explained in this RG, licensees are not required to comply with the positions set forth in this RG.

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