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Regulatory Guide: Standard Format and Content of Decommissioning Plans for Materials Licensees

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing Regulatory Guide (RG) 3.65, “Standard Format and Content of Decommissioning Plans for Materials Licensees.” This RG is being withdrawn because it is not needed to endorse NUREG-1757, “Consolidated Decommissioning Guidance: Decommissioning Process for Materials Licensees,” Volume 1, “Decommissioning Process for Materials Licensees.” NUREG-1757 provides the most current guidance on decommissioning nuclear facilities to support license termination for applicants, licensees, and NRC staff reviewers.

DATES: The effective date of the withdrawal of RG 3.65 is **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2025-0067** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC is withdrawing RG 3.65, “Standard Format and Content of Decommissioning Plans for Materials Licensees.” RG 3.65 provides guidance on the decommissioning leading to termination of a materials license. In May 2008, RG 3.65, Revision 1, was issued and endorsed the method described in NUREG-1757, Volume 1, Revision 2 (ADAMS Accession No. ML063000243), to provide applicants and licensees with consolidated and updated guidance for decommissioning to support termination of a materials license. The NRC staff uses NUREG-1757 as the primary guidance document while reviewing these applications and licenses. Since NUREG-1757 provides the most current guidance, the NRC has determined that RG 3.65 is no longer needed.

The withdrawal of RG 3.65 does not alter any prior or existing NRC licensing approval or the acceptability of licensee commitments to RG 3.65. Although RG 3.65 is being withdrawn, current licensees may continue to use it, and this withdrawal does not

affect any existing licenses or agreements. However, applicants and licensees should use NUREG-1757 to support future requests or applications for NRC licensing actions related to the guidance in RG 3.65.

II. Additional Information

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 under chapter I of title 1 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

III. Submitting Suggestions for Improvement of Regulatory Guides

A member of the public may, at any time, submit suggestions to the NRC for improvement of existing RGs or for the development of new RGs. Suggestions can be submitted on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/contactus.html>. Suggestions will be considered in future updates and enhancements to the “Regulatory Guide” series.

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