

C.II.3. Environmental Report

The regulatory guidance to assist prospective applicants for combined construction and operating licenses (COLs) in understanding the form and content of an environmental report (ER) is currently provided in Regulatory Guide 4.2, "Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Stations," Rev. 2, which the NRC issued in July 1976. While this regulatory guide was structured to address the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, as they relate to applications for construction permits and operating licenses, it remains the most comprehensive guidance for COL applicants and other stakeholders. However, the staff updated its "Standard Review Plans for Environmental Review for Nuclear Power Plants," NUREG-1555, in March 2000, to recognize the alternative licensing structure under 10 CFR Part 52, and expects to update Regulatory Guide 4.2 accordingly.