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**Regulatory Guide 3.28, Welder Qualification for Welding in Areas of
Limited Accessibility in Fuel Reprocessing Plants and in Plutonium Processing
and Fuel Fabrication Plants**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing Regulatory Guide 3.28, "Welder Qualification for Welding in Areas of Limited Accessibility in Fuel Reprocessing Plants and in Plutonium Processing and Fuel Fabrication Plants." This guide is being withdrawn because more recently updated guidance is provided in RG 1.71, Rev. 1, "Welder Qualification for Areas of Limited Accessibility," which was updated in March 2007.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2014-0069** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2014-0069**. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; e-mail: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

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- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is withdrawing Regulatory Guide (RG) 3.28, "Welder Qualification for Welding in Areas of Limited Accessibility in Fuel Reprocessing Plants and in Plutonium Processing and Fuel Fabrication Plants," which was published in May 1975 (ADAMS Accession No. ML003739371). RG 3.28 provides guidance on methods acceptable to the NRC for meeting quality assurance (QA) requirements for welding nuclear components for fuel reprocessing

plants and for plutonium processing and fuel fabrication plants in areas of limited accessibility. RG 3.28 is being withdrawn because the guidance it provides is duplicated in RG 1.71, Rev. 1, "Welder Qualification for Areas of Limited Accessibility," which was updated in March 2007 (ADAMS Accession No. ML070320476).

II. Further Information

The withdrawal of RG 3.28 does not alter any prior or existing licensing commitments based on its use. Regulatory guides may be withdrawn when their guidance no longer provides useful information, or is superseded by technological innovations, Congressional actions, or other events.

Regulatory guides are revised for a variety of reasons and the withdrawal of a regulatory guide should be thought of as the final revision of the guide. Although a regulatory guide is withdrawn, current licensees may continue to use it, and withdrawal does not affect any existing licenses or agreements. Withdrawal of a guide means that the guide should not be used for future NRC licensing activities. Changes to existing licenses can be accomplished using other regulatory products.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of March, 2014.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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