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This major revision of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.206, “Combined License Applications for Nuclear Power Plants (LWR Edition),” June 2007, provides guidance to prospective applicants regarding applications for licensing of new nuclear power plants for commercial use under the provisions of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 52, “Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants.” The guidance herein pertains to applications for combined licenses, early site permits, and standard design certifications; but, the focus is the complete set of information required to tender a combined license application.¹ This RG is comprehensive in that it addresses the requirements of 10 CFR Part 52 as well as the additional 10 CFR requirements referenced in 10 CFR Part 52 that are applicable to applications and licensing (e.g., 10 CFR Part 50, “Domestic Licensing Of Product And Utilization Facilities;” 10 CFR Part 51, “Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions”). This RG conforms with the guidance provided in other regulatory guides pertaining to nuclear power plant licensing and operation and, additionally, correlates with the content of NUREG-0800, “Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants: LWR Edition.”

This RG is written in plain language, to the extent feasible, to facilitate understanding by the varied prospective applicants and stakeholders and for ease of use by applicants. Electronic links to source and reference materials are included, as appropriate, throughout the document to assist the reader in review of applicable regulations and related regulatory guidance. This revised RG 1.206 encompass three main sections: Section C.1, “Applications – Standard Format & Content,” provides guidance for the organization, content, and format of applications; Section C.2, “Applications – Policy & Regulatory Topics,” addresses key application-related topics and issues and provides guidance regarding the application and review process; and, the Appendices provide detailed guidance related to the format and content of applicants’ Safety Analysis Reports (i.e., Part 2 of an application). Moreover, the guidance contained in the Appendices correlates with the NRC staff’s review and evaluation methods and identifies the information needed by the staff to perform an application review using NUREG-0800.²

¹The NRC intends to expand the scope of this regulatory guide in a future revision to include applications for licensing of nuclear power plants under 10 CFR Part 50 (i.e., Construction Permits and Operating Licenses).

²The NRC issues regulatory guides to describe and make available to the public methods that the NRC staff considers acceptable for use in implementing specific parts of the agency’s regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data the staff need in reviewing applications for permits and licenses. Regulatory guides are not substitutes for regulations and compliance with them is not required. Methods and solutions that differ from those set forth in regulatory guides will be deemed acceptable if they provide a basis for the findings required for the issuance of a permit or license by the Commission.