

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2015-0195]**

**Inservice Inspection of Ugrouted Tendons in Prestressed Concrete Containments**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Regulatory guide; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.35, "Inservice Inspection of Ugrouted Tendons in Prestressed Concrete Containments." The regulatory guide is being withdrawn because of changes in NRC regulations, which render the RG obsolete. The withdrawal does not affect the licensing bases of current licensees approved to use RG 1.35.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The NRC is withdrawing Regulatory Guide 1.35 because it has been superseded by changes in NRC regulations as set forth in section 50.55a of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Codes and Standards.” The change in the regulations provides more complete and more up to date guidance.

The withdrawal of RG 1.35 does not alter any prior or existing licensing commitments based on its use. Although a regulatory guide is withdrawn, its use in existing licenses is still valid, and changes to the licenses can be accomplished using other regulatory products. Withdrawal of a regulatory guide means that the RG no longer provides useful information or

has been superseded by other guidance, technological innovations, congressional actions, or other events. A withdrawn RG should not be used for future NRC licensing activities.

Since RG 1.35 was last revised in 1990, ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section XI, Subsection IWL was issued. This subsection addresses the examination and repair/replacement of the reinforced concrete and the post-tensioning systems of concrete containments. The NRC incorporated the requirements of the 1992 Edition of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code with the 1992 Addenda of Subsection IWL into its regulations, with specified modifications and limitations, in an amendment to section 50.55a, which was published in the *Federal Register* on August 8, 1996 (61 FR 41303). The rulemaking also required that all nuclear power plants in the United States develop and implement a containment inspection program in accordance with Section XI, Subsection IWL (as applicable for the type of containment) by September 9, 2001. Subsequent, NRC amendments to 10 CFR 50.55a have incorporated by reference later editions of Subsection IWL, with modifications and limitations which continue to address issues addressed by RG 1.35.

The guidance provided in RG 1.35 has been incorporated into later revisions of Subsection IWL, or preserved in 10 CFR 50.55a. As a result, RG 1.35 has become redundant and is no longer needed.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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