

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2020-0087]

Plant Security Force Duties

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing Regulatory Guide (RG) 5.43, "Plant Security Force Duties." RG 5.43 was published in January 1975 to provide guidance to applicants and licensees subject to NRC regulations on the organization of plant security forces and the duties of guards, watchmen, and other individuals responsible for security, as described in their facilities' security plans. RG 5.43 is being withdrawn because it contains regulatory guidance that is out of date and is no longer the preferred method for these applicants and licensees to use to meet the requirements. Future applicants and licensees may use several other more relevant regulatory guidance documents to meet those regulatory requirements.

DATES: The withdrawal of RG 5.43 takes effect on 4/29/20.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2020-0087** 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:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2020-0087**. Address questions about NRC docket IDs in regulations.gov to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; e-mail:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The NRC is withdrawing RG 5.43, "Plant Security Force Duties," because the guide no longer provides NRC staff-preferred methods for certain applicants and licensees to meet the NRC's regulatory requirements in section 73.50 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), "Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities," and 73.60, "Additional requirements for physical protection at nonpower reactors." Furthermore, the NRC staff has issued several other more relevant regulatory guidance documents that applicants and licensees may use to meet 10 CFR 73.50 and

73.60. The basis for withdrawal of RG 5.43 is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML20048A081.

II. General Consideration

The withdrawal of RG 5.43 does not alter any prior or existing NRC licensing approvals, or the acceptability of licensee commitments made regarding the withdrawn guidance. Although RG 5.43 is withdrawn, current licensees referencing this RG may continue to do so, and withdrawal does not affect any existing licenses or agreements. However, by withdrawing RG 5.43, the NRC no longer approves use of the guidance in future requests or applications for NRC licensing actions.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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