

15 May 2023

## NOTICE TO RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

This refers to the draft regulations distributed through the World Trade Organization – Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO-TBT) website ([www.epingalert.org](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 29 April to 05 May 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/1837/R/ev.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 May 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 23 June 2023	Hazardous air pollutants : coal and oil-fired electric utility steam generating units - Revision	The EPA is proposing to amend the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units (EGUs), commonly known as the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS). Specifically, the EPA is proposing to amend the surrogate standard for non-mercury (Hg) metal HAP (filterable particulate matter (fPM)) for existing coal-fired EGUs; the fPM compliance demonstration requirements; the Hg standard for lignite-fired EGUs; and the definition of startup
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/1974/A/dd.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 May 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Nuclear power plant components - Addendum	On 6 March 2023, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) solicited comments on proposed amendments to its regulations to incorporate by reference proposed revisions to three regulatory guides, which would approve new, revised, and reaffirmed code cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. In addition, the rulemaking proposed to extend the time periods required for licensees to update their codes of record. The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on 5 May 2023. The NRC has decided to

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				extend the public comment period by an additional 42 days to 16 June 2023, to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/1989</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 May 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 02 June 2023	Lightning protection of nuclear power plant	The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-1409, "Guidelines for Lightning Protection for Production and Utilization Facilities." This DG is the proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.204, "Guidelines for Lightning Protection of Nuclear Power Plants." DG-1409 describes an approach that is acceptable to the staff of the NRC to meet regulatory requirements for adequate lightning protection of safety-related systems, structures, and components (SSCs). This DG endorses, with clarifications, the methods described in Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standard (Std.) 665-1995, "IEEE Standard for Generating Station Grounding"; IEEE Std. 666-2007, "IEEE Design Guide for Electrical Power Service Systems for Generating Stations"; IEEE Std. 1050-2004, "IEEE Guide for Instrumentation and Control Equipment Grounding in Generating Stations"; and IEEE Std. C62.23-2017, "IEEE Application Guide for Surge Protection of Electric Generating Plants."
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/1990</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 May 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 02 June 2023	Nuclear power plants and fuel reprocessing plants : design and construction	The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-1403, "Quality Assurance Program Criteria (Design and Construction)." This DG is proposed Revision 6 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.28 of the same name. The proposed revision endorses Nuclear Energy

				Institute (NEI) 14-05A, "Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation in Lieu of Commercial Grade Surveys for Procurement of Laboratory Calibration and Test Services," Revision 1, issued November 2020, as an acceptable approach for licensees and suppliers subject to the quality assurance (QA) requirements of NRC regulations. Also in this proposed revision, the NRC staff endorses the Part I and Part II requirements included in NQA-1-2017, NQA-1-2019, and NQA-1-2022 for the implementation of a QA program during the design and construction phases of nuclear power plants and fuel reprocessing plants.
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Thank you.

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