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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of July 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David B. Matthews,

*Director, Division of New Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Final Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a revision to an existing guide in the agency's Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.92, entitled "Combining Modal Responses and Spatial Components in Seismic Response Analysis," provides licensees and applicants with improved guidance concerning methods that the NRC staff considers acceptable for combining modal responses and spatial

components in seismic response analysis of nuclear power plant (NPP) structures, systems, and components (SSCs) that are important to safety. As defined in Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," to Title 10, part 50, of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 50), Criterion 2, "Design Bases for Protection Against Natural Phenomena," requires, in part, that SSCs that are important to safety must be designed to withstand the effects of natural phenomena (such as earthquakes) without losing their capability to perform their respective safety functions. Such SSCs must also be designed to accommodate the effects of, and be compatible with, the environmental conditions associated with normal operation and postulated accidents. Appendix S, "Earthquake Engineering Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," to 10 CFR part 50 specifies, in part, requirements for implementing General Design Criterion 2 with respect to earthquakes.¹

For several decades, the nuclear industry fulfilled Criterion 2 using the response spectrum method and the time history method for seismic analysis and design of NPP SSCs. Then, in 1976, the NRC issued Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.92, which described then up-to-date guidance for using the response spectrum and time history methods. Since that time, research in the United States has resulted in improved methods that yield more accurate estimates of SSC seismic response, while reducing unnecessary conservatism. In view of those improvements, Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.92 describes methods that the NRC staff finds acceptable for combining modal responses and spatial components in seismic response analysis.

The NRC staff initially published Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.92 as DG-1108, dated August 2001. The staff subsequently considered stakeholders' feedback on DG-1108, incorporated the necessary changes, and again solicited public comment on the revised guide by publishing a **Federal Register** notice (70 FR 7777) concerning Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1127 on February 15, 2005. Following the closure of the public

¹ Appendix S to 10 CFR part 50 applies to applicants for a design certification or combined license pursuant to 10 CFR part 52, "Early Site Permits; Standard Design Certifications; and Combined Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants," or a construction permit or operating license pursuant to 10 CFR part 50 after January 10, 1997. However, the earthquake engineering criteria in Section VI of Appendix A to 10 CFR part 100 continue to apply for either an operating license applicant or an operating license holder whose construction permit was issued before January 10, 1997.

comment period on April 15, 2005, the staff considered all stakeholder comments in the course of preparing Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.92. The staff's responses to all comments received are available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, under Accession #ML061630344.

The NRC staff encourages and welcomes comments and suggestions in connection with improvements to published regulatory guides, as well as items for inclusion in regulatory guides that are currently being developed. You may submit comments by any of the following methods.

Mail comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Hand-deliver comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

Fax comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

Requests for technical information about Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.92 may be directed to Dr. T.Y. Chang, at (301) 415-6450 or via e-mail to TYC@nrc.gov.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection or downloading through the NRC's public Web site in the Regulatory Guides document collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies of Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.92 are also available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, under Accession #ML053250475.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), which is located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland; the PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4205, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to PDR@nrc.gov. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to the U.S.

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(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of July, 2006.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning China's Compliance With WTO Commitments

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and notice of public hearing concerning China's compliance with its WTO commitments.

SUMMARY: The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing and seek public comment to assist the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in the preparation of its annual report to the Congress on China's compliance with the commitments made in connection with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

DATES: Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as a copy of their testimony, by noon, Wednesday, September 14, 2006. Written comments are due by noon, Monday, September 18, 2006. A hearing will be held in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, September 28, 2006.

ADDRESSES:

Submissions by electronic mail:
fr0622@ustr.eop.gov.

Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-6143.

The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile. (See requirements for submissions below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning written

comments or participation in the public hearing, contact Gloria Blue, (202) 395-3475. All other questions should be directed to Terrence J. McCartin, Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for China Enforcement, (202) 395-3900, or Stephen S. Kho, Acting Chief Counsel for China Enforcement, (202) 395-3582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

China became a Member of the WTO on December 11, 2001. In accordance with section 421 of the U.S.-China Relations Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-286), USTR is required to submit, by December 11 of each year, a report to Congress on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including both multilateral commitments and any bilateral commitments made to the United States. In accordance with section 421, and to assist it in preparing this year's report, the TPSC is hereby soliciting public comment. Last year's report is available on USTR's Internet Web site (at http://www.ustr.gov/World_Regions/North_Asia/China/Section_Index.html).

The terms of China's accession to the WTO are contained in the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (including its annexes) (Protocol), the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China (Working Party Report), and the WTO agreements. The Protocol and Working Party Report can be found on the Department of Commerce Web page, <http://www.mac.doc.gov/China/WTOAccessionPackage.htm>, or on the WTO Web site, <http://docsonline.wto.org> (document symbols: WT/L/432, WT/MIN(01)/3, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.1, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.2).

2. Public Comment and Hearing

USTR invites written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including, but not limited to, commitments in the following areas: (a) Trading rights; (b) import regulation (e.g., tariffs, tariff-rate quotas, quotas, import licenses); (c) export regulation; (d) internal policies affecting trade (e.g., subsidies, standards and technical regulations, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, government procurement, trade-related investment measures, taxes and charges levied on imports and exports); (e) intellectual property rights (including intellectual property rights enforcement); (f) services; (g) rule of law issues (e.g.,

transparency, judicial review, uniform administration of laws and regulations) and status of legal reform; and (h) other WTO commitments. In addition, given the Administration's view that China should be held accountable as a full participant in, and beneficiary of, the international trading system now that most of its WTO commitments should have been implemented (see "U.S.-China Trade Relations: Entering a New Phase of Greater Accountability and Enforcement," issued by USTR in February 2006, http://www.ustr.gov/World_Regions/North_Asia/China/2006_Top-to-Bottom_Review/Section_Index.html), USTR requests that interested persons also specifically identify unresolved compliance issues that warrant review and evaluation by USTR's newly created China Enforcement Task Force.

Written comments must be received no later than noon, Monday, September 18, 2006.

A hearing will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2006, in Room 1, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. If necessary, the hearing will continue on the next day.

Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention by noon, Wednesday, September 14, 2006. The notification should include: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person presenting the testimony; and (2) a short (one or two paragraph) summary of the presentation, including the commitments at issue and, as applicable, the product(s) (with HTSUS numbers), service sector(s), or other subjects to be discussed. A copy of the testimony must accompany the notification. Remarks at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the TPSC.

All documents should be submitted in accordance with the instructions in section 3 below.

3. Requirements for Submissions

In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, USTR strongly urges and prefers electronic (e-mail) submissions in response to this notice. In the event that an e-mail submission is impossible, submissions should be made by facsimile.

Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: "China WTO" followed by (as appropriate) "Written Comments," "Notice of Testimony," or "Testimony." Documents should be submitted as either Adobe PDF, WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as