

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Notice of issuance of Regulatory Guide

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance and Availability of Regulatory Guide 1.44, Revision 1, "Control of the Processing and Use of Stainless Steel."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information such as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency'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 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.44, "Control of the Processing and Use of Stainless Steel," was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1224. This guide describes methods that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for implementing requirements about control of the application and processing of stainless steel to avoid severe sensitization that could lead to stress-corrosion cracking. This guide applies to light-water-cooled reactors.

II. Further Information

In June 2009, DG-1224 was published with a public comment period of 60 days from the issuance of the guide. The public comment period was extended until October 1, 2009. The staff's responses to the comments received are located in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No.

ML101680258. Electronic copies of Regulatory Guide 1.44, Revision 1 are available through the NRC's public Web site under "Regulatory Guides" at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. The regulatory analysis may be found under ADAMS Accession No. ML101680238.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) located at Room O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738. 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) 397-4209, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

January 2011 Pay Schedules

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President has signed an Executive order stating that certain civilian employee pay schedules are not adjusted in 2011 and remain at 2010 levels. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Dismond, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; (202) 606-2858; FAX (202) 606-0824; or email to pay-leave-policy@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 22, 2010, the President signed Executive Order 13561 (75 FR 81817), which documented the January 2011 pay schedules. Pursuant to Public Law 111-242, as amended by Public Law 111-322, December 22, 2010, the Executive order provides that 2011 pay rates for the civilian employee pay schedules covered by the order are not adjusted and remain at 2010 levels.

Schedule 1 of Executive Order 13561 provides the rates for the 2011 General

Schedule (GS) and reflects no increase from 2010. Executive Order 13561 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2011 locality payments, which remain at 2010 levels except for employees in nonforeign areas. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13561.)

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in section 5(b) of Executive Order 13561 that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2011 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

GS employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the United States (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5921(4)) and its territories and possessions. In 2011, locality payments ranging from 9.44 percent to 35.15 percent apply to GS employees in the 34 locality pay areas. The 2011 locality pay area definitions can be found at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/11tables/locdef.asp>.

The 2011 locality pay percentages became effective on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2011 (January 2, 2011). An employee's locality rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of pay (as defined in 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.609.) The Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 contained in subtitle B (sections 1911-1919) of title XIX of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Pub. L. 111-84, October 28, 2009) extended coverage of the locality pay program to employees in Alaska, Hawaii, and the other nonforeign areas in 2010. For 2011, the statute provides that employees in each of these areas receive two-thirds of the applicable locality rate.

Executive Order 13561 documents that the Executive Schedule rates of pay remain at the 2010 levels. By law, Executive Schedule officials are not authorized to receive locality payments.

Executive Order 13561 documents the 2011 range of rates of basic pay for senior executives in the Senior Executive Service (SES) under 5 U.S.C. 5382. The minimum rate of basic pay for the SES remains at \$119,554 in 2011. The maximum rate of the SES rate range continues to be \$179,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SES members covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system and \$165,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SES members covered by an SES performance appraisal system that has not been certified.

The minimum rate of basic pay for the senior-level (SL) and scientific and