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**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)**

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**10 CFR Ch. I**

**Regulatory Agenda**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing its semiannual regulatory agenda in accordance with Public Law 96-354 "The Regulatory Flexibility Act" and Executive Order 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review." The agenda is a compilation of all rules on which the NRC has recently completed action or has proposed or is considering action. This issuance updates any action occurring on rules since publication of the last semiannual agenda on November 28, 1995 (60 FR 61040).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information contained in this semiannual publication is updated to reflect any action which has occurred on rules since publication of the last NRC semiannual agenda on November 28, 1995 (60 FR 61040). Within each group, the rules are ordered according to the Regulation Identifier Number (RIN).

The information in this agenda has been updated through March 15, 1996. The date for the next scheduled action under the heading "Timetable" is the date the rule is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register. The

date is considered tentative and is not binding on the Commission or its staff. The regulatory agenda is intended to provide the public early notice and opportunity to participate in the NRC rulemaking process. However, the NRC may consider or act on any rulemaking even though it is not included in the regulatory agenda.

Rulemakings Approved by the Executive Director for Operations (EDO)

The EDO initiated a procedure for review of the regulations being prepared by staff offices that report to him to ensure that staff resources are allocated most effectively to achieve NRC's regulatory priorities. This procedure requires EDO approval before staff resources may be expended on the development of any new rulemaking. Furthermore, all existing rules must receive EDO approval prior to the commitment of additional resources.

The NRC agenda lists rulemaking actions. Of these, no rulemaking items are considered to be priority or major as defined in section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866.

Three rules potentially will have a "significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities" as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of March 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
Michael T. Lesar,  
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**Prerule Stage**

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Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
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4450	Revision of Specific Exemptions .....	3150-AD83
4451	Clarification of Decommissioning Funding Requirements .....	3150-AE95
4452	Procedures for Submission of Petitions for Rulemaking .....	3150-AF23
4453	Physical Security Plan Format Changes .....	3150-AF27
4454	One-Time Extension of Certain By-product, Source, and Special Nuclear Material Licenses .....	3150-AF38
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**4401. ADDITION OF RADON-222 AND TECHNETIUM-99 VALUES TO TABLE S-3 AND REVISIONS RESULTING FROM CONSIDERATION OF HIGHER-BURNUP FUEL**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2011; 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 4321; 42 USC 5841; 42 USC 5842

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 51

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Table of Uranium Fuel Cycle Environmental Data (Table S-3) by adding new estimates for potential releases of technetium-99 and radon-222 and by updating other estimates. The proposed rule's narrative explanation (NUREG-1481) also describes the basis for the values contained in Table S-3, explains the environmental effects of these potential releases from the LWR Fuel Cycle, and postulates the potential radiation doses, health effects, and environmental impacts of these potential releases. The proposed rule would also amend 10 CFR 51.52 to modify the enrichment value of U-235 and the maximum level of average fuel irradiation (burnup in megawatt-days of thermal power per metric ton of uranium). The narrative explanation also addresses important

fuel cycle impacts and the cumulative impacts of the nuclear fuel cycle for the whole nuclear power industry so that it may be possible to consider these impacts generically rather than repeatedly in individual licensing proceedings, thus reducing potential litigation time and costs for both NRC and applicants.

The proposed revision of 10 CFR 51.51 and the narrative explanation was published for public review and comment on March 4, 1981 (46 FR 15154). The final rulemaking was deferred pending the outcome of a suit (Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. v. NRC, No. 74-1486) in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The U.S. Court of Appeals (D.C. Circuit) decision of April 27, 1982, invalidated the entire Table S-3 rule. The Supreme Court reversed this decision on June 6, 1983.

The proposed rule and the explanatory narrative for Table S-3, NUREG-1481, have been revised to reflect new modeling developments during the time the rulemaking was deferred. Final action on the Table S-3 rule was held in abeyance until new values for radon-222 and technetium-99 could be added to the table and covered in the narrative explanation. The rule is being reissued as a proposed rule because the scope has been expanded to include

radiation values for radon-222 and technetium-99 and the narrative explanation has been extensively revised from that published on March 4, 1981 (46 FR 15154).

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/04/81	46 FR 15154
NPRM Comment Period End	05/04/81	
Second NPRM	09/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AA31

**4402. SHUTDOWN AND LOW-POWER OPERATIONS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 50

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations by adding regulatory requirements for

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shutdown and low power operations of commercial nuclear power stations. Specific operational areas addressed by the proposed rule include: 1) outage planning and control; 2) availability of equipment needed for key safety functions; 3) decay heat removal capability during a fire; and 4) water level indication in pressurized water reactors when in reduced inventory.

Prior to its analysis of comments received and a public meeting held on April 7, 1995, the staff determined that the rule, regulatory analysis and regulatory guide would be rewritten. The rewritten rule would specify minimum requirements for safety during shutdown operation, require a contingency plan to address a failure to satisfy these requirements, and require controls that manage both the minimum requirements and the contingency plan.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/19/94	59 FR 52707
NPRM Comment Period End	01/03/95	
Second NPRM	04/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AE97

#### 4403. • REVISION TO NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING FINANCIAL ASSURANCE IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The advance notice of proposed rulemaking would amend the Commission's regulations to modify the financial assurance requirements for the decommissioning of nuclear power plants. The impact of deregulation of

the power generating industry has created uncertainty with respect to the availability of decommissioning funds and would likely require a modification of the financial mechanism required by the NRC to provide decommissioning funds when needed. The ANPRM would also require power reactor licensees to report periodically on the status of their decommissioning trust funds during an extended safe storage period. The ANPRM would invite public comment on issues pertaining to the form and content of the nuclear power plant decommissioning financial assurance requirements as they related to electric utility deregulation.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/08/96	61 FR 15427
ANPRM Comment Period End	06/24/96	
NPRM	10/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF41

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#### 4404. STEAM GENERATOR TUBE INTEGRITY FOR OPERATING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 50

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) was published to request public comment on the Commission's regulations pertaining to steam generator tube integrity. The objective of the rule would be to maintain adequate assurance of steam generator tube integrity while allowing a more

appropriate approach to steam generator surveillance and maintenance activities at nuclear power plants. Steam generator degradation is a significant issue affecting current pressurized water reactors.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/19/94	59 FR 47817
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/05/94	
NPRM	06/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF04

#### 4405. FITNESS FOR DUTY

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 26

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's fitness for duty regulations. This proposed rule would also address the petition for rulemaking from Virginia Electric and Power Company (PRM-26-1), and address the Regulatory Review Group items on audit frequency and annual submittal of data. The Virginia Electric and Power Company requested that the Commission amend its fitness-for-duty

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requirements to change the frequency that licensees are required to audit their fitness-for-duty programs from annually to biennially. The Commission and the EDO approved the staff proposals in SECY-92-308, but asked that the staff resubmit the SECY paper to address a backfit analysis. The staff proposals presented in SECY-92-308 have been revised. The revised Commission paper (SECY-95-262) was sent to the Commission in October 1995.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Mohan C. Thadani, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Washington, DC 20555  
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**RIN:** 3150-AF12

#### 4406. REPORTING RELIABILITY AND AVAILABILITY INFORMATION FOR RISK-SIGNIFICANT SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRCs) regulations to require that licensees for commercial nuclear power reactors report summary reliability and availability data for risk-significant systems and equipment to the NRC. The proposed rule would also require licensees to maintain onsite, and to make available for NRC inspection, records and documentation that provide the basis for the summary data reported to the NRC. This proposed rule is necessary to improve public health and safety, to reduce economic burden by focusing NRC and licensee attention on the most risk-significant issues, and to support generic and plant-specific regulatory actions. The proposed rule would substantially improve licensee implementation of the evaluation and goal setting aspects required by the maintenance rule and NRC's oversight of licensee's implementation of the maintenance rule.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/12/96	61 FR 5318
NPRM Comment Period End	06/11/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Dennis Allison, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office for Analysis and Evaluation of, Operational Data, Washington, DC 20555

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**RIN:** 3150-AF33

#### 4407. DELIBERATE MISCONDUCT BY UNLICENSED PERSONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 030; 10 CFR 040; 10 CFR 050; 10 CFR 060; 10 CFR 061; 10 CFR 070; 10 CFR 072; 10 CFR 150

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations to put applicants for NRC licenses and other unlicensed persons doing work for applicants on notice that they may be subject to enforcement action under the Commission's existing regulations regarding deliberate misconduct. The current regulations require that all information submitted to the Commission be complete and accurate. This proposed rulemaking would correct an apparent oversight from when the Deliberate Misconduct rule was adopted in 1991 and make that rule apply to applicants and to their employees, contractors, and subcontractors, including consultants.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

**Agency Contact:** Tony DiPalo, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, DC 20555

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**RIN:** 3150-AF35

#### 4408. PROTECTION OF AND ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FOR LICENSEE, CERTIFICATE HOLDER AND OTHER PERSONNEL

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2165; 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 2273; 42 USC 5841; EO 12829; EO 12958; EO 10865

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 010; 10 CFR 025; 10 CFR 095

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations conforming NRC policy for access to and protection of National Security Information and Restricted Data to new national policies for the protection of this type of information. The existing regulations were issued before the October 31, 1994, approval of the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM) by the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the April 17, 1995, and August 2, 1995, signature of Executive Orders 12958, "Classified National Security Information," and 12968, "Access to Classified Information," by the President. The NISPOM establishes a uniform Government policy for the protection of classified National Security Information and Restricted Data within industrial facilities under a contractual or other (e.g., license) legal relationship with the Government. Executive Order 12958 revises the government-wide requirements for classification and protection of National Security Information, and Executive Order 12968 revises the government-wide requirements for access to National Security Information. The current 10 CFR Parts 25 and 95 are not fully compliant with the requirements of the NISPOM and the new Executive Orders. Some areas of inconsistency are revised accountability requirements for secret information, revised requirements for review of foreign ownership, control and influence considerations, new locking mechanism requirements, etc. These regulations must be amended to ensure their consistency with established national policy for the protection of classified information.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF37

**4409. • REVISION TO NUCLEAR  
POWER REACTOR  
DECOMMISSIONING COST  
REQUIREMENTS**

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The notice of proposed rulemaking would amend the Commission's regulations to allow licensees greater flexibility by allowing site-specific funding amounts different from the NRC's generic values by both lesser and greater amounts. The current regulations only allow amounts greater than the generic values. This action was originally included in "Rulemaking Plan for Amending Nuclear Power Reactor Decommissioning Financial Assurance Implementation Requirements" (SECY-95-223). However, in a December 20, 1995, memorandum to the EDO, the Chairman directed the staff to delay work on amending the regulations to lower financial assurance requirements, until completing decommissioning cost studies. The Chairman did, however, encourage the staff to pursue

amendments to the regulations that would permit site-specific funding amounts as described in SECY-95-223. Therefore the staff is continuing work on this action.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF40

**4410. • MINOR CORRECTIONS AND  
CLARIFYING CHANGES**

**Priority:** Other

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 2231; 42 USC 2241; 42 USC 2282

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 020; 10 CFR 032;  
10 CFR 035; 10 CFR 036; 10 CFR 039

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations to incorporate minor corrections and clarifying changes to 10 CFR Part 20 and also make conforming changes to 10 CFR Parts 32, 35, 36, and 39.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF46

**4411. • REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE 10  
CFR PART 53**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 053

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations by removing 10 CFR Part 53, "Criteria and Procedures for Determining the Adequacy of Available Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage Capacity," from the Code of Federal Regulations. The current regulations establish procedures for nuclear plant owners to follow for obtaining a determination from the NRC that the plant cannot provide adequate spent fuel storage capacity. The NRC determination was needed for DOE to enter into negotiations for providing interim Federal storage of spent fuel. This determination had to be made prior to January, 1990, therefore, the regulation is now obsolete. There would be no impact on NRC licensees, safety, or the public.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	
Final Action	10/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)

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**4412. CODES AND STANDARDS FOR  
NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS (ASME  
CODE, SECTION XI, DIVISION 1,  
SUBSECTION IWE AND SUBSECTION  
IWL)**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would incorporate by reference Subsection IWE, "Requirements for Class MC Components of Light-Water Cooled

Power Plants," and Subsection IWL, "Requirements for Class CC Concrete Components of Light-Water Cooled Power Plants," of Section XI (Division 1) of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code). Subsection IWE provides the rules and requirements for inservice inspection, repair, and replacement of Class MC pressure retaining components and

their integral attachments in light-water cooled power plants. Subsection IWL provides the rules and requirements for inservice inspection and repair of the reinforced concrete and post tensioning systems of Class CC components.

Incorporation by reference of Subsection IWE and Subsection IWL will provide systematic examination rules for containment structure for meeting Criterion 53 of the General Design Criteria (appendix A of 10 CFR part 50) and appendix J of 10 CFR part 50. Age-related degradation of containments has occurred, and additional and potentially more serious degradation mechanisms can be anticipated as nuclear power plants age.

If the NRC did not take action to endorse the Subsection IWE and Subsection IWL rules, the NRC position on examination practices for containment structure would have to be established on a case-by-case basis and improved examination practices for steel containment structures might not be implemented. The other alternatives of incorporating these detailed examination requirements into the American National Standard ANSI/ANS 56.8-1981 or into appendix J are not feasible.

Incorporating by reference the latest edition and addenda of Subsection IWE and Subsection IWL will save applicants/licensees and the NRC staff both time and effort by providing uniform detailed criteria against which the staff can review any single submission. Adoption of the proposed amendment would permit the use of improved methods for containment inservice inspection.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/07/94	59 FR 979
NPRM Comment Period End	04/25/94	59 FR 14373
Final Action	06/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AC93

**4413. DISPOSAL OF HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTES IN GEOLOGIC REPOSITORIES; DESIGN BASIS EVENTS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 10101

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 060

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations to clarify preclosure regulatory requirements for high-level waste geologic repositories. Several issues associated with preclosure regulatory requirements have been raised due to different interpretations of the rulemaking record for 10 CFR Part 60. These involve: (1) the lack of clearly prescribed requirements for the establishment of a preclosure controlled area intended to protect public health and safety in the event of a postulated radionuclide release; and (2) the definition of structures, systems, and components important to safety for which certain design and quality assurance criteria apply. In order to meet the milestones mandated by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1983, as amended, and milestones pertaining to DOE's production schedule in the Mission Plan amendments, guidance is needed from NRC on these matters to enable DOE to proceed with the development of a proposed design for a geologic repository.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/22/95	60 FR 15180
NPRM Comment Period End	06/20/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AD51

**4414. LICENSE RENEWAL FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS; SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841; 42 USC 5842

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 051

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations to establish new requirements for environmental review of applications for renewal of nuclear power plant operating licenses. The proposed rule would define the number and scope of environmental issues which would need to be addressed as part of a license renewal application.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/23/90	55 FR 29964
ANPRM Comment Period End	10/22/90	
NPRM	09/17/91	56 FR 47016
NPRM Comment Period End	03/16/92	56 FR 59898
Final Action	04/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AD63

**4415. RADIOLOGICAL CRITERIA FOR DECOMMISSIONING OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES**

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 020; 10 CFR 030; 10 CFR 040; 10 CFR 050; 10 CFR 051; 10 CFR 070; 10 CFR 072

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations to codify the basic principles and radiological criteria that would allow decommissioned lands and structures

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to be released for unrestricted public use. In the final rule entitled, "General Requirements for Decommissioning Nuclear Facilities" (June 27, 1988; 53 FR 24018), the need and urgency for guidance with respect to residual contamination criteria were expressed. At that time, it was anticipated that an interagency working group organized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would develop necessary Federal guidance. However, in the absence of significant progress by the interagency working group, the Commission has directed that the NRC expedite rulemaking because the requirements, once final, will provide licensees with an incentive to complete site decommissioning.

The proposed rule would establish basic radiological criteria for release of lands and structures. Measurables, in the form of surface and volume radioactive concentrations and site radioactivity inventory values, would be provided in supporting regulatory guidance. These combined activities should benefit the public, industry, and the NRC, providing a risk-based framework upon which decommissioning activities and license terminations can be accomplished. The framework will ensure adequate protection of public health and safety and identify residual radioactivity criteria upon which licensees can confidently develop reasonable and responsible decommissioning plans.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/22/94	59 FR 43200
NPRM Comment Period End	12/20/94	
Final Action	06/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Federal

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**RIN:** 3150-AD65

#### 4416. REACTOR SITE CRITERIA; INCLUDING SEISMIC AND EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING CRITERIA FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050; 10 CFR 052; 10 CFR 100

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations to update the criteria used in decisions regarding power reactor siting, including geologic, seismic, and earthquake engineering considerations for future nuclear power plants. The proposed rule would allow NRC to benefit from experience gained in the application of the procedures and methods set forth in the current regulation and to incorporate the rapid advancements in the earth sciences and earthquake engineering. The proposed rule primarily consists of two separate changes, namely, the source term and dose considerations, and the seismic and earthquake engineering considerations of reactor siting.

The Commission is also proposing to deny the remaining issue in a petition for rulemaking filed by Free Environment, Inc., et al. (PRM-50-20).

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/20/92	57 FR 47802
NPRM Comment Period End	05/12/95	60 FR 10810
Final Action	06/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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**RIN:** 3150-AD93

#### 4417. RADIOGRAPHY AND RADIATION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 034

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations on licenses for radiography and radiation safety requirements for radiographic operations. The proposed rule would revise 10 CFR Part 34 to clarify the requirements in section 34.27 and conform Part 34 with the approach developed by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (Part E of the "Suggested State Regulations for Control of Radiation"), and the State of Texas in Part 31 of the Texas Regulations for Control of Radiation. Comments and suggestions from regulatory groups, users, and manufacturers will be considered in the overall revision. The NRC will also consult Canadian atomic energy control regulations that relate to radiography. The proposed rule is necessary because of frequent misinterpretations of the provisions of Part 34 and the need to clarify the requirements of 10 CFR 34.27. The staff is currently preparing an options paper which will examine the issues, set priorities, and provide direction for the proposed rulemaking. This proposed rule would also respond to a petition for rulemaking from International Union of Operating Engineers - Local No. 2 (PRM-34-4).

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/28/94	59 FR 9429
NPRM Comment Period End	05/31/94	
Final Action	04/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AE07

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**4418. CRITERIA FOR THE RELEASE OF PATIENTS ADMINISTERED RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 020; 10 CFR 035**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations to revise the patient release criteria contained in 10 CFR 35.75, and the applicability of the dose limits for members of the public in 10 CFR 20.1301.

The Commission has received three petitions for rulemaking, PRM-20-20, PRM-35-10, and PRM-35-11 to amend its regulations regarding radiation exposure that individuals may receive from patients who have been medically administered radioactive materials, and the criteria under which this patient may be released from confinement. The petitioners believe that the current requirements of Parts 20 and 35 would cause patients to be confined unnecessarily beyond the time needed for medical reasons.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/15/94	59 FR 30724
NPRM Comment Period End	08/29/94	
Final Action	04/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Stewart Schneider, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, DC 20555  
Phone: 301 415-6225**RIN:** 3150-AE41**4419. DESIGN CERTIFICATION FOR ADVANCED BOILING WATER REACTOR (ABWR)****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 052**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The proposed rule would revise the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRCs) regulations by certifying the U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) standard design in accordance with the requirements of Part 52. If a standard design is certified, then an applicant for a combined license that references the certified design will be assured of receiving an approval for the portion of the plant that was approved in the certification rulemaking. This amendment references the design control document (DCD) and sets forth the process for changing information in the DCD. GE Nuclear Engineering is currently preparing the DCD for ABWR design, which will contain the design information that will be certified by the rule and approved by the rule (so-called Tier 1 and 2 information). The NRC is reviewing two applications for standard design certifications for two evolutionary nuclear power plant designs pursuant to Part 52 (see "Design Certification for System 80+" (RIN 3150-AF15)**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/03/93	58 FR 58664
ANPRM Comment Period End	01/03/94	
NPRM	04/07/95	60 FR 17902
NPRM Comment Period End	08/07/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jerry N. Wilson, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Washington, DC 20555-0001  
Phone: 301 415-3145**RIN:** 3150-AE87**4420. DECOMMISSIONING OF NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 5841; 42 USC 5842; 42 USC 5846**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations on the decommissioning procedures that lead to the termination of an operating license for a nuclear power plant and release of the property for unrestricted use. The proposed amendments would clarify ambiguities that have arisen in the past and codify practices which have been used for other licensees on a case-by-case basis.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/20/95	60 FR 37374
NPRM Comment Period End	10/18/95	
Final Action	05/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Carl Feldman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, DC 20555  
Phone: 301 415-6194**RIN:** 3150-AE96**4421. DESIGN CERTIFICATION FOR SYSTEM 80+****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 052**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The proposed rule would revise the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRCs) regulations by certifying the System 80+ standard design in accordance with the requirements of Part 52. If a standard design is certified, then an applicant for a combined license that references the certified design will be assured of receiving an approval for the portion of the plant that was approved in the certification rulemaking. This amendment references the design control document (DCD) and sets forth the process for changing information in the DCD. ABB-Combustion Engineering is currently preparing the DCD for the System 80+ design, which will contain the design information that will be certified by the rule and approved by the rule (so-called Tier 1 and 2 information). The NRC is reviewing two applications for standard design certifications for two evolutionary nuclear power plant designs pursuant to part 52 (See "Design Certification for

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Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR)" (RIN 3150-AE87).

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/03/93	58 FR 58664
ANPRM Comment Period End	01/03/94	
NPRM	04/07/95	60 FR 17924
NPRM Comment Period End	08/07/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF15

#### 4422. TERMINATION OR TRANSFER OF LICENSED ACTIVITIES: RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 30; 10 CFR 40; 10 CFR 70; 10 CFR 72

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations pertaining to the disposition of certain records when a licensee terminates licensed activities or licensed activities are transferred to another licensee. The proposed rule would require a licensee to transfer records necessary to evaluate offsite consequences and to decommission the facility effectively to the new licensee if licensed activities will continue at the same location and to forward records, such as waste disposal and dose records, to the NRC once the license is terminated.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/28/94	59 FR 66814
NPRM Comment Period End	03/28/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Mary L. Thomas, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, DC 20555  
Phone: 301 415-6230

**RIN:** 3150-AF17

#### 4423. PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION FACILITIES; EMERGENCY PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 2231; 42 USC 2241; 42 USC 2282

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations governing domestic licensing of production and utilization facilities, as necessary, to facilitate greater flexibility in the licensee's activities associated with the annual "off-year" exercise. This exercise is conducted to evaluate major portions of licensees' emergency response capabilities. The proposed amendment would preserve the existing requirement that each licensee, at each site, exercise biennially with participation by States and local governments within the plume exposure pathway emergency planning zone (EPZ). The proposed rule would also require licensees to continue enabling State and local governments in plume exposure pathway EPZs to participate in exercises and in drills in the interval between exercises. This proposed rule also addresses a petition for rulemaking submitted by the Virginia Electric and Power Company (PRM-50-58).

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/14/95	60 FR 19002
NPRM Comment Period End	07/13/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF20

#### 4424. CONSTRAINT LEVEL FOR AIR EMISSIONS OF RADIONUCLIDES

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 2231; 42 USC 2241; 42 USC 2282

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 020

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations to provide a constraint level for air emissions of radionuclides of 10 mrem/yr, similar to the program developed pursuant to 10 CFR part 50, appendix I, for power reactors. The rulemaking would apply to NRC licensees other than power reactor licensees. This action is part of an ongoing effort to develop a basis for rescission of the Environmental Protection Agency's regulations in 40 CFR part 61.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/13/95	60 FR 63984
NPRM Comment Period End	03/12/96	
Final Action	06/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF31

#### 4425. SAFEGUARDS FOR SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL OR HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 060; 10 CFR 072; 10 CFR 073; 10 CFR 075

**Legal Deadline:** None

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**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations to clarify safeguards requirements for spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste stored at independent spent fuel storage installations, power reactors that have permanently ceased reactor operations, monitored retrievable storage installations, and geologic repository operations areas. This rule would allow general licensees the option of implementing the proposed safeguards requirements for spent nuclear fuel stored in approved casks at operating power reactor sites. This action is necessary to reduce the regulatory uncertainty regarding the safeguards requirements for the storage of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste without reducing the level of protection for public health and safety.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/15/95	60 FR 42079
NPRM Comment Period End	11/13/95	
Final Action	06/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** John Telford, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, DC 20555  
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**RIN:** 3150-AF32

**4426. • DELETION OF OUTDATED REFERENCES AND MINOR CHANGES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 002; 10 CFR 051

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The direct final rule would amend the Commission's regulations by deleting outdated references. This direct final rule would clarify that the NRC may use discretion to not require a written statement from a licensee in response to a notice of violation if the NRC believes that the licensee had already adequately addressed all the issues contained in that notice.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Mark Au, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research  
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**RIN:** 3150-AF43

**4427. • REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF LICENSED RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL**

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 020

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would add a new requirement for licensees to notify the NRC Operations Center of any diversion of licensed radioactive material from its intended or authorized use. The proposed rule would require licensees to notify the NRC as soon as possible of such incidents, that are either intentional or allegedly intentional, or where the licensee is unable within 48 hours of discovery to rule out that the use was intentional. The proposed rule would require reporting of events that could lead to an exposure of individuals whether or not the exposure exceeds the regulatory limits.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/31/96	61 FR 3334
NPRM Comment Period End	03/31/96	
Final Action	09/00/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Mary Thomas, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research  
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**RIN:** 3150-AF44

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**4428. CRITERIA FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY NUCLEAR OCCURRENCE**

**Priority:** Other

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 140

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/09/85	50 FR 13978
NPRM Comment Period End	09/06/85	
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Harry Tovmassian  
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**RIN:** 3150-AB01

**4429. ELIMINATION OF INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN NRC REGULATIONS AND EPA HLW STANDARDS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 60

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/19/86	51 FR 22288

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	08/18/86	
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AC03

**4430. AVAILABILITY OF OFFICIAL RECORDS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 2

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**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/23/92	57 FR 61013
NPRM Comment Period End	03/08/93	
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Catherine M. Holzle  
Phone: 301 415-1560

**RIN:** 3150-AC07

#### 4431. COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY ASSURANCE IN MEDICAL USE AND A STANDARD OF CARE

**Priority:** Other

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 35

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	10/02/87	52 FR 36949
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/31/87	
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Anthony Tse  
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**RIN:** 3150-AC42

#### 4432. REASSERTING NRC'S SOLE AUTHORITY FOR APPROVING ON-SITE LOW-LEVEL WASTE DISPOSAL IN AGREEMENT STATES

**Priority:** Other

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 150

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/22/88	53 FR 31880
NPRM Comment Period End	10/21/88	
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Joseph J. Mate  
Phone: 301 415-6202

**RIN:** 3150-AC57

#### 4433. REQUIREMENTS FOR POSSESSION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVICES CONTAINING BYPRODUCT MATERIAL

**Priority:** Other Significant

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 031; 10 CFR 032

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/27/91	56 FR 67011
NPRM Comment Period End	03/12/92	
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

**Agency Contact:** Joseph J. Mate  
Phone: 301 415-6202

**RIN:** 3150-AD34

#### 4434. REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE ACCESSIBLE AIR GAP FOR GENERALLY LICENSED DEVICES

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 031; 10 CFR 032

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/27/92	57 FR 56287
NPRM Comment Period End	03/29/93	
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Stephen McGuire  
Phone: 301 415-6204

**RIN:** 3150-AD82

#### 4435. CLARIFICATION OF REPORTING OF DEFECTS AND NONCOMPLIANCE FOR MATERIALS FACILITIES

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 021

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Clark Prichard

Phone: 301 415-6203

**RIN:** 3150-AE18

#### 4436. STANDARDIZED PLANT DESIGNS, EARLY REVIEW OF SITE SUITABILITY ISSUES; CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050; 10 CFR 052; 10 CFR 140

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

**Agency Contact:** Geary S. Mizuno  
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**RIN:** 3150-AE25

#### 4437. CODES AND STANDARDS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Frank Cherny  
Phone: 301 415-6786

**RIN:** 3150-AE26

#### 4438. DISTRIBUTION OF SOURCE AND BYPRODUCT MATERIAL: LICENSING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

**Priority:** Other

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 032; 10 CFR 040

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	10/28/92	57 FR 48749

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Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM Comment Period End	01/26/93	
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:**  
Undetermined

**Agency Contact:** Catherine R. Mattsen  
Phone: 301 415-6264

**RIN:** 3150-AE33

#### 4439. ACCEPTABILITY OF PLANT PERFORMANCE FOR SEVERE ACCIDENTS; SCOPE OF CONSIDERATION IN SAFETY REGULATIONS

**Priority:** Other

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/28/92	57 FR 44513
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/28/92	
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Leonard Soffer  
Phone: 301 415-6574

**RIN:** 3150-AE38

#### 4440. CLARIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SITING CRITERIA AND PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 060

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/09/93	58 FR 36902
NPRM Comment Period End	10/07/93	
Final Action	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Sandra Wastler  
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**RIN:** 3150-AE40

#### 4441. ADMINISTRATION OF BYPRODUCT MATERIAL OR RADIATION TO PATIENTS WHO MAY BE PREGNANT

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 035

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Samuel Z. Jones  
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#### 4442. DISPOSAL BY RELEASE INTO SANITARY SEWERAGE

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 020

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/25/94	59 FR 9146
ANPRM Comment Period End	05/26/94	
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** George Powers  
Phone: 301 415-6212

**RIN:** 3150-AE90

#### 4443. NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR PHYSICAL PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS UPDATE

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 073

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF11

#### 4444. FITNESS FOR DUTY (SCOPE CHANGE)

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 26

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF13

#### 4445. POWER REACTOR FACILITIES UNDER A POSSESSION ONLY LICENSE

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 50

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:**  
Undetermined

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**RIN:** 3150-AF16

#### 4446. DOMESTIC LICENSING OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL—REVISION

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

## NRC

## Long-Term Actions

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 070

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF22

**4447. PERFORMANCE-ORIENTED REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR POWER FACILITIES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF29

**4448. • CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA OR NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION OR AN EMPLOYMENT CLEARANCE**

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2165; 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 010

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations conforming NRC policy for access to and protection of National Security Information and Restricted Data to new national policies for the protection of this type of information. The existing regulations were issued before the October 31, 1994, approval of the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM) by the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the April 17, 1995 and August 2, 1995, signature of Executive Orders 12958, "Classified National Security Information," and 12968, "Access to Classified Information," by the President. The NISPOM establishes a uniform Government policy for the protection of classified National Security Information and Restricted Data within industrial facilities under a contractual or other (e.g. license) legal relationship with the Government.

Executive Order 12958 revises the governmentwide requirements for classification and protection of National Security Information and Executive Order 12968 revises the governmentwide personnel security requirements for access to National Security Information. The current 10 CFR Part 10 is not fully compliant with the requirements of the NISPOM and Executive Order 12968. Some areas or inconsistency are the NRC Criteria for Determining Eligibility for Access to Restricted Data or National Security Information or an Employment Clearance and the NRC Due process Appeal Procedures. 10 CFR Part 10 must be amended to ensure its consistency with established national policy for the protection of classified information and due process.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF48

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)

## Completed Actions

**4449. FRACTURE TOUGHNESS REQUIREMENTS FOR LWR PRESSURE VESSELS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The final rule amended the Commission's regulations concerning fracture toughness requirements to resolve a number of issues that have resulted from technological improvements and other factors.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/19/95	60 FR 65456
Final Action Effective	01/18/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AD57

**4450. REVISION OF SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 009

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The final rule amended the Commission's regulations pertaining to specific Privacy Act exemptions. This final rule added exemption (j)(2) of the Privacy Act to the regulations that describe exempt systems of records. These amendments make NRC's regulations consistent with the majority of statutorily appointed Inspectors General and clearly link each system of records to the specific exemption(s) of the Privacy Act under which each system is exempt.

## NRC

## Completed Actions

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/13/95	60 FR 63897
Final Action Effective	01/12/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AD83

#### 4451. CLARIFICATION OF DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 030; 10 CFR 040; 10 CFR 070; 10 CFR 072

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The final rule amended the Commission's regulations for nonreactor licensees on the expiration and termination of licensees. These amendments clarify that financial assurance must be in place and updated when the licensee decides to cease operation and begin decommissioning. These amendments explicitly describe the implementation and timing requirements for licensees who have been in timely renewal since the promulgation of the 1988 decommissioning funding rules and for licensees who cease operations without adequate funding arrangements in place.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/26/95	60 FR 38235
Final Action Effective	11/24/95	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AE95

#### 4452. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSION OF PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 2231; 42 USC 2241; 42 USC 2282

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 002

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule would have amended the Commission's regulations pertaining to petitions for rulemaking. The Commission has determined that this rulemaking is unnecessary and is withdrawing this proposed rule.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	02/06/96	61 FR 4378

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** T. Y. Chang, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, DC 20555  
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**RIN:** 3150-AF23

#### 4453. PHYSICAL SECURITY PLAN FORMAT CHANGES

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 2231; 42 USC 2241; 42 USC 2282

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 050; 10 CFR 070

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The final rule amended the Commission's regulations to remove an unnecessary security plan format requirement. Applicants for power reactor and fuel cycle licenses may now submit their physical security plans in a format that provides for a quicker and more efficient review.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/16/95	60 FR 53505
Final Action Effective	11/15/95	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF27

#### 4454. ONE-TIME EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BY-PRODUCT, SOURCE, AND SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL LICENSES

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 030; 10 CFR 040; 10 CFR 070

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The final rule authorized, on a one-time basis, a five-year extension of certain byproduct, source, and special nuclear material licenses. The provisions of the licenses, under the extension, provide the same authorizations and limits on licensee activities as they do now. The final rule specifies those licenses whose license expiration dates are not extended.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/16/96	61 FR 1109
Final Action Effective	02/15/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF38

#### 4455. REVISION OF FEE SCHEDULES; 100% FEE RECOVERY, FY 1996

**Priority:** Economically Significant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 170; 10 CFR 171

**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, September 30, 1996.  
Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990

## NRC

## Completed Actions

**Abstract:** This final rule amends the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRCs) regulations regarding the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to NRC licensees and applicants for an NRC license. The amendments are necessary to recover approximately 100 percent of the NRC budget authority for fiscal year 1996 less the amounts appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund. The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA-90) requires that the NRC accomplish the 100 percent recovery through the assessment of fees.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/30/96	61 FR 2948
NPRM Comment Period End	02/29/96	
Final Action	04/12/96	61 FR 16203
Final Action Effective	06/11/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF39

**4456. • MINOR CORRECTING AMENDMENTS**

**Priority:** Other

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 019; 10 CFR 030; 10 CFR 051; 10 CFR 052; 10 CFR 055

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The final rule amends the Commission's regulations to correct several miscellaneous errors in regulatory text in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). These changes in the CFR text occurred in the process of preparing and printing rulemaking documents.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/12/96	61 FR 9901
Final Action Effective	03/12/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3150-AF42

**4457. • EMPLOYEE PROTECTION POLICIES; MINOR AMENDMENTS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2201; 42 USC 5841

**CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 019; 10 CFR 030; 10 CFR 040; 10 CFR 050; 10 CFR 060; 10 CFR 061; 10 CFR 070; 10 CFR 072

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The direct final rule amends the Commission's regulations related to

notices to workers and to employee protection policies. This direct final rule updates a telephone number, clarifies the applicability of employment discrimination policies, and updates NRC form 3.

Because the NRC considers this action controversial and routine, we are approving it without seeking public comments on proposed amendments. This action will become effective on April 22, 1996. However, if the NRC receives significant adverse comments by March 25, 1996, then the NRC will publish a document that withdraws this action, and will address the comments received in response to the requested revisions which have been proposed for approval and published in the Federal Register on February 22, 1996 (61 FR 6796). Comments would be addressed in the final rule on this proposal.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/22/96	61 FR 6762
Final Action Effective	04/22/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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