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## Subpart A—General Provisions

### § 55.1 Purpose.

The regulations in this part:

- (a) Establish procedures and criteria for the issuance of licenses to operators and senior operators of utilization facilities licensed under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, or Section 202 of the Energy Reorganization

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Act of 1974, as amended, and part 50, part 52, or part 54 of this chapter,

(b) Provide for the terms and conditions upon which the Commission will issue or modify these licenses, and

(c) Provide for the terms and conditions to maintain and renew these licenses.

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### § 55.2 Scope.

The regulations in this part apply to—

(a) Any individual who manipulates the controls of any utilization facility licensed under parts 50, 52, or 54 of this chapter,

(b) Any individual designated by a facility licensee to be responsible for directing any licensed activity of a licensed operator.

(c) Any facility license.

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### § 55.3 License requirements.

A person must be authorized by a license issued by the Commission to perform the function of an operator or a senior operator as defined in this part.

### § 55.4 Definitions.

As used in this part:

*Act* means the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, including any amendments to the Act.

*Actively performing the functions of an operator or senior operator* means that an individual has a position on the shift crew that requires the individual to be licensed as defined in the facility's technical specifications, and that the individual carries out and is responsible for the duties covered by that position.

*Commission* means the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or its duly authorized representatives.

*Controls* when used with respect to a nuclear reactor means apparatus and mechanisms the manipulation of which directly affects the reactivity or power level of the reactor.

*Facility* means any utilization facility as defined in part 50 of this chapter. In cases for which a license is issued