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Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Change of Control and about Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material Licenses

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of final NUREG.

SUMMARY: The NRC is announcing the availability of the final NUREG–1556, Volume 15, ''Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Guidance about Change of Control and about Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material Licenses,'' dated November 2000.

The NRC is using Business Process Redesign techniques to redesign its materials licensing process, as described in NUREG–1539, ''Methodology and Findings of the NRC's Materials Licensing Process Redesign.'' A critical element of the new process is consolidating and updating numerous guidance documents into a NUREG-series of reports. This final NUREG report is the fifteenth guidance document developed to support an improved materials licensing process.

This guidance is intended for use by applicants, licensees, and NRC staff, and will also be available to Agreement States. This document combines and updates the guidance found in NRC Information Notice 89–25, Rev. 1: ''Unauthorized Transfer of Ownership or Control of Licensed Activities''; NRC Information Notice 97–30: ''Control of Licensed Material During Reorganizations, Employee-Management Disagreements, and Financial Crises''; and Policy and Guidance Directive 8–11, ''NMSS Procedures for Reviewing Declarations of Bankruptcy.'' The guidance in this report supersedes Policy and Guidance Directive 8–11. This final report takes a more risk-informed, performance-based approach to evaluating changes of control or bankruptcy of byproduct, source, and special nuclear material licensees, reducing the information (amount and level of detail) needed to properly inform NRC of a change of control or bankruptcy.

A free single copy of final NUREG–1556, Volume 15, may be requested by writing to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Carrie Brown, Mail Stop TWFN 9–C24, Washington, DC 20555–0001. Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to cxb@nrc.gov. A copy of this final NUREG–1556, Volume 17, is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555–0001.

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Electronic Access

Final NUREG–1556, Volume 15, is available electronically by visiting the NRC's Home Page (http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html).

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Availability of Technical Study of Spent Fuel Pool Accident Risk at Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of report.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued its ''Technical Study of Spent Fuel Pool Accident Risk at Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants.''

As the number of power reactors involved in the decommissioning process increases, the ability to address regulatory issues generically has become more important. After a nuclear power plant permanently shuts down and the reactor is defueled, the traditional accident sequences that dominate operating reactor risk are no longer applicable. The predominant source of risk remaining at permanently shutdown plants involves accidents associated with spent fuel stored in the spent fuel pool.

Following a Commission meeting held on March 17, 1999, the NRC staff formed a technical working group to evaluate spent fuel pool accident risk at decommissioning plants. The staff set out to develop a risk-informed technical basis that could be used to develop rulemaking and to establish a predictable method for reviewing future exemption requests and to identify the need for any research in areas of large uncertainty. The staff intends for this approach to meet the NRC outcome goals of maintaining safety, reducing unnecessary regulatory burden, increasing public confidence, and improving efficiency and effectiveness.

Preliminary versions of the study were issued for public comment and technical review in June 1999 and February 2000. A public workshop to discuss the report was held in July 1999. Comments received from industry and public stakeholders, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safety, and other technical reviewers have been considered in preparing the report. Quality assessment of the staff's preliminary analysis has been aided by a small panel of human reliability analysis experts who evaluated the human performance analysis assumptions, methods, and modeling. A broad quality review was carried out at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

ADDRESSES: The report is available at the NRC Public Document Room,11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, and through the NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at ML010160527 for the report and ML010160532 for the appendices. The report is also available via the Internet on the NRC web page at http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/DECOMMISSIONING/SF/index.html. Requests for single copies may be made to David J. Wrona, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop O–7C2, Washington, DC 20555–0001 or by telephone at 301–415–1924 or email to djw1@nrc.gov.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of January, 2001.

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