

changes, tests, and experiments, and for updating of final safety analysis reports. The purpose of the rulemaking is to clarify requirements and to allow more flexibility for certain changes that a licensee could make without receiving prior NRC approval. The NRC estimates that these rule changes will have only a minor impact upon the existing reporting and recordkeeping requirements in these sections of NRC regulations. There will be a one-time burden for revision of procedures and training.

Submit, by November 20, 1998, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the submittal may be reviewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NE (lower level), Washington DC. The proposed rule indicated in the "title of the information collection" is or has been published in the **Federal Register** within several days of the publication date of this **Federal Register** notice. Instructions for accessing the electronic OMB clearance package for the rulemaking have been appended to the electronic rulemaking. Members of the public may access the electronic OMB clearance package by following the directions for electronic access provided in the preamble to the titled rulemaking.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by November 20, 1998: Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0011 and 3150-0132), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503. Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084. The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo Shelton, 301-414-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of October 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Consumer Product Licensing Requirements

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to remind all importers and distributors of consumer products containing radioactive material regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of NRC licensing requirements governing the distribution of these products to unlicensed persons (persons exempt from licensing).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anthony Kirkwood, Mail Stop TWFN 8-F-5, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Specific licensing requirements exist if you are the initial importer or distributor of a consumer product containing NRC regulated byproduct material, such as, watches illuminated by tritium paint or gas or neutron-irradiated gemstones. You must first obtain a possession and use license satisfying the general requirements of 10 CFR 30.33 or Agreement State equivalent. Therefore, you must apply for and obtain a specific license authorizing possession and use of byproduct material from the NRC regional office or applicable Agreement State, whoever has jurisdiction in your State. Clarifications in the jurisdictional control for your State may be obtained by contacting the NRC contact identified earlier in this notice. The information needed to apply for this license may be obtained from the NRC regional office for your area or from the state government as applicable. In addition, in order to initially distribute or transfer consumer products containing byproduct material to persons exempt from licensing, you must also apply for and obtain an exempt distribution license from NRC satisfying the requirements of 10 CFR 32. The product information to be submitted for a NRC distribution license is outlined in NUREG-1556, Vol. 8, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Exempt Distribution Licenses," dated September 1998, and may be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, P. O. Box 37082, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328. Copies are also available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal

Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161. A copy of the document is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

Importers and initial distributors of consumer products containing radioactive material regulated by NRC, such as watches and gemstones, found without the proper licensure, are subject to enforcement action by NRC and state regulatory authorities. NRC enforcement action may include imposition of monetary penalties, referral to a Federal District Court to obtain an injunction and seizure of the radioactive products, or referral to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution. Recently, the NRC took significant enforcement action against two watch importers and distributors for violations of NRC requirements involving the possession, use, and initial distribution of watches containing NRC-licensed material without having NRC licenses authorizing such activities. In one action, the company was issued a \$26,400 civil penalty.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 9th day of October, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Frederick C. Combs,

Acting Director, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Announcement of Workshops on Draft Guidance on Radiological Criteria for License Termination

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Announcement of workshop.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the schedule for a series of workshops on the draft guidance, the website address and structure, and staff plans to hold additional technical meetings and telephone conferences, as needed, to discuss emerging issues and to prepare for the workshops. The date, time, location, and agendas for the workshops and meetings will be announced on the NRC web site.

Background

On July 8, 1998, the Commission approved the publication of the draft guidance for the final rule on Radiological Criteria for License Termination (License Termination Rule,

LTR) (62 FR 39058) for a two year interim use period. The Commission also directed the staff to maintain a dialogue with the public through the use of a website and public workshops. In addition, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is developing a standard review plan (SRP) for use in reviewing licensee submittals related to the LTR.

Workshops on Guidance for Radiological Criteria for License Termination

The NRC has scheduled six workshops during the period 12/98 to 10/99. All of the workshops will be held at NRC Headquarters in the auditorium of the Two White Flint North building. The address is 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville MD, 20852. The dates for the workshops are listed below.

Workshop Dates: December 1–2, 1998, January 21–22, 1999, March 18–19, 1999, June 16–17, 1999, August 18–19, 1999, October 20–21, 1999.

The final workshop agendas will depend on the issues that emerge as industry, NRC, and other stakeholders review, and gain experience using, the draft guidance. However, the general topics to be covered are dose modeling, demonstrating as low as is reasonably achievable (ALARA), final status surveys, and restricted use/alternate criteria. Issues of concern that emerge from industry and stakeholder review and use of the guidance will be posted and discussed on the web site, and during any additional meetings held between the workshops. The workshops will be focused on specific technical or policy issues. The agendas will be posted 6–8 weeks in advance of the scheduled date. The final agenda for the first workshop, to be held on December 1–2, 1998, is not yet finalized, but is expected to include the following topics:

1. Overview of the process to solicit stakeholder input on the draft guidance,
2. NRC test cases,
3. resuspension factor parameter in the building occupancy model,
4. measurements when the compliance levels are close to background,
5. NRC's approach to refining the screening model for alpha emitting radionuclides,
6. licensee test cases.

The address for the web site containing the technical conference on the draft guidance for the License Termination Rule is [HTTP://TECHCONF.LLNL.GOV/INDEX.HTML](http://TECHCONF.LLNL.GOV/INDEX.HTML). The site contains seven major functional areas. Four separate areas have been created for discussion on the major

topics in Draft Regulatory Guide DG–4006, “Demonstrating Compliance With The Radiological Criteria For Decommissioning.” The four areas are: 1) dose modeling, 2) final status survey, 3) ALARA, and 4) restricted use/alternate criteria. Comments, questions, and case-specific experiences can be posted in these areas by any interested party. The issues raised in these discussion areas will be considered as topics for workshops, or for one of the periodic meetings or telephone conferences. The web site will also contain an area where NRC will post draft agendas for meetings and workshops for review and comment. The final agenda, including workshop and meeting dates, times, and locations will also be posted. Finally, the site will contain a Question and Answer (Q&A) area where NRC will post the resolution to issues raised during workshops and meetings. During a public meeting held on August 14, 1998, the Q&A format was suggested by the Nuclear Energy Institute as a useful format for publishing NRC's resolution of issues.

NRC strongly encourages stakeholder participation in this process to finalize RG–4006 and develop an SRP for the license termination rule. The data and information generated during the review and implementation of the draft guidance, as well as the results of industry research and test cases, will play a significant role in the development of effective final guidance documents.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information, contact Mr. David N. Fauver, Sr. Health Physicist, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC, 20555–0001, telephone number at (301) 415–6625.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of October, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Lawrence Bell,

Acting Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97–415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97–415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from September 26, 1998, through October 8, 1998. The last biweekly notice was published on October 7, 1998 (63 FR 53943).

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period.