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NRC AMENDS REGULATIONS TO SPECIFY WHERE
CRIMINAL PROSECUTION COULD BE INVOLVED

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is amending its regulations to identify more clearly those regulations which--for willful violation, attempted violation or conspiracy to violate--may subject the violator to criminal penalties under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

The amendments include, in each appropriate part of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, a section that addresses criminal penalties and contains a statement that, for the purposes of the Atomic Energy Act, all the regulations in the part are issued under those sections of the Act that authorize criminal penalties. The exceptions are those regulations that are primarily administrative in nature and exempt from criminal penalties and these regulations are specifically enumerated.

The amendments to Parts 11, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 39, 40, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 60, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 95, 110, 140 and 150 of the Commission's regulations will become effective in 30 days.

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