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NRC PROPOSES REGULATIONS  
ON RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering amending its regulations to require licensees who terminate their licenses to transfer certain records to successor licensees or to the NRC.

The records include information on radiation doses to the public caused by licensed activities and on waste disposal to places other than a licensed radioactive waste disposal facility (by means such as incineration, release to sewers, on-site burials and accidental spills of radioactive material).

Current regulations require licensees to maintain such records, but do not address what happens to the records when a licensee terminates its activities and gives up its license.

The proposed revisions would require a licensee to transfer the appropriate records to a new licensee if licensed activities are to continue at the same site. When all licensed activities at the site cease and the last license is terminated, the records would be transferred to the NRC or, in the case of a disposal site, to the party responsible for institutional control of the site, with a copy to the NRC.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulations by March 28 (90 days after publication of a Federal Register notice on this subject on December 28). The comments should be addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

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