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NRC WITHDRAWS PROPOSED RULE ON REPORTING
OF UNAUTHORIZED USE OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is withdrawing a proposed amendment to its regulations that would have required licensees to notify the NRC within 24 hours after learning of any intentional--or suspected intentional--misuse of radioactive material.

NRC is taking this action as the result of comments received after the proposed amendments were published in the Federal Register in January 1996. The majority of commenters said the costs of implementing the proposed rule would outweigh the benefits that might result.

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