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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a proposed revision of a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-8022 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is a proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 8.15, "Acceptable Programs for Respiratory Protection." The guide is in Division 8, "Occupational Health." This proposed revision is being developed to provide updated guidance on the elements of a respiratory protection program that is acceptable to the NRC. This draft guide provides guidance that is in conformance with the proposed revision to 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," of Subpart H, "Respiratory Protection and Controls To Restrict Internal Exposure in Restricted Areas," which was published recently.

The draft guide has not received complete staff review and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Public comments are being solicited on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-8022. The related NUREG-0041, "Manual of Respiratory Protection Against Airborne Radioactive Material," is currently being revised to be consistent with the revision to Part 20. Comments and suggestions are also solicited regarding the scope and content of this NUREG. Comments may be accompanied by additional relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be

examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be most helpful if received by **September 30, 1998**.

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Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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