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NOTE TO: Samuel J. Collins, Director, NRR  
FROM: *Cynthia A. Carpenter*  
Cynthia A. Carpenter, Chief, NRR/DRIP/RGEB  
VIA: *Se* David B. Matthews, Director, NRR/DRIP *Anewberry*  
SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF RG 8.15, "ACCEPTABLE PROGRAMS FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION"

The attached issuance package for the subject regulatory guide was prepared by RES. The final guide was approved through the EDO as part of the final rulemaking on respiratory protection. NRR technical staff have approved the guide. OGC, CRGR and NMSS have approved its issuance. The SRM on the final rule directed the staff to issue the reg guide concurrent with the issuance of the final rule on respiratory protection.

We are requesting your concurrence on the issuance memo and the Federal Register Notice of Availability.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR REGULATORY GUIDE

The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has prepared and approved Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 8.15, "Acceptable Programs for Respiratory Protection," which is to be printed, announced in the *Federal Register*, and distributed to all licensees.

Ashok C. Thadani, Director  
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

**Guide was sent to  
Congressional committees  
on October 12, 1999.**

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MEMORANDUM TO: David Meyer, Chief  
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 Division of Administrative Services  
 Office of Administration

FROM: Ashok C. Thadani, Director  
 Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

SUBJECT: REGULATORY GUIDE ISSUANCE

Enclosed for publication in the notice section of the *Federal Register* is a notice of the issuance of Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 8.15, "Acceptable Programs for Respiratory Protection."

- Enclosures:
1. Federal Register Notice
  2. Regulatory Guide 8.15, Revision 1

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## Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a revision to 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.

Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 8.15, "Acceptable Programs for Respiratory Protection," describes a respiratory protection program that is acceptable to the NRC staff. The guide also provides guidance on performing evaluations to determine whether the use of respirators optimizes the sum of internal and external dose and other risks.

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. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission



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Ashok C. Thadani, Director  
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research