

MEMORANDUM TO: Michael T. Lesar, Acting Chief  
Rules and Directives Branch  
Division of Administrative Services  
Office of Administration

FROM: Brenda J. Shelton, Chief */RA/*  
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED RULEMAKING ACTIVITY PLAN

In response to Michael Springer's memorandum of January 4, 2001, the attached update to the Proposed Rulemaking Activity Plan is provided for your information. No new entries have been added since the last update. For the rulemaking, "Revision of 10 CFR to Permit the Submission of Documents Electronically," OCIO has requested a publication delay from December 29, 2000, to July 31, 2001, based on circumstances both internal and external to the NRC.

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## **CIO-C1LP-17 Revision of 10 CFR to Permit the Submission of Documents**

**Electronically; Minor Corrections.**

**Parts 2, 4, 9, 15, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 30-32, 34, 40, 50, 51, 52, 55, 60-62, 70-76, 81, 95, 110, 140 and 150 -- RM#445--AF61**

**OBJECTIVE:** The major objective of this rulemaking is to amend 10 CFR to permit voluntary electronic submission of documents and to provide procedures for submitting documents electronically. In addition, the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) ~~is scheduled to become fully~~ became operational during FY 2000. Amending the regulations to permit electronic submission will facilitate the electronic capture of externally generated documents into ADAMS. The rulemaking would address and improve the document control and records management issues which are of concern to the NRC, its applicants, licensees and members of the public by improving the process of communication, dissemination, and storage of records. In addition, the rulemaking would incorporate minor changes to the current regulations regarding the submission of documents to the NRC, e.g., organizational, name and phone number changes. This rulemaking is consistent with existing legislative and regulatory initiatives, such as the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130 (Revised February 8, 1996), and the Government Paperwork Elimination Act of 1998, to reduce the information collection burden on the public and to make information more readily accessible to the public.

**TYPE: OTHER: GENERAL/PROCEDURAL/PROCESS/ADMINISTRATIVE**

**RISK-INFORMED REGULATION:** Not a risk-informed rulemaking.

**COST/BENEFIT:** There would be little or no cost to NRC (other than the FTE resources to prepare the rulemaking) or licensees/applicants from this rulemaking. The affected licensees and applicants would benefit from a reduction in administrative costs, primarily those associated with reproduction, if electronic submittals are permitted.

**RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED:** Yes. This rulemaking will provide the authority and the procedures for licensees, applicants, and others to follow when they submit documents electronically to the NRC. The rulemaking plan, SECY-99-205, was sent to the Commission for approval on August 3, 1999. The Commission SRM on SECY-99-205, dated August 31, 1999, approved the rulemaking plan.

**STAFF RESOURCES:** Total FTE = 1.12: OCIO = 1.0; OGC = 0.1; ADM = 0.02

**TARGET COMPLETION DATE:** Proposed rulemaking ~~December 2000~~ **July 2001**  
Direct Final rulemaking ~~December 2000~~ **July 2001**  
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