

November 27, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Those on the Attached List

FROM: Michael L. Springer, Director **T. Martin for**  
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## Instructions for Regulatory Agenda Updates

Please provide the following information for each agenda entry:

1. A brief summary of the action that describes the issue to be addressed and its significance, the necessity and urgency for addressing this issue, and how the issue will be addressed through rulemaking. Also, summarize the potential effect of the rule on the public, the nuclear industry, and the NRC.
2. Each rule must be given one of the priority designations listed below. This information will be included in the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, which should be published in the Federal Register in April 2002. The unified agenda is issued by the Regulatory Information Service Center, Office of Management and Budget.

**Economically Significant** -- As defined under Executive Order 12866, a rulemaking action that will have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or will adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities. These rules are included in the Regulatory Plan.

**Other Significant** -- A rulemaking that is not economically significant but that the agency considers significant. This category includes rules that the agency anticipates will be reviewed under Executive Order 12866 or rules that are a priority of the agency head. These rules may or may not be included in the Regulatory Plan.

**Substantive, Nonsignificant** -- A rulemaking that has substantive impacts but is neither significant, routine and frequent, nor informational/administrative.

**Routine and Frequent** -- A rulemaking that is a specific case of a multiple recurring application of a regulatory program in the CFR and that does not alter the body of the regulation.

**Informational/Administrative/Other** -- A rulemaking that is primarily informational or pertains to agency matters not central to accomplishing the agency's regulatory mandate but that the agency places in the agenda to inform the public of the activity.

3. The latest information regarding the development of the rule, the schedule for completing action on the rule, and the reasons for any changes to the schedule. If delays in the schedule are the result of circumstances beyond the NRC staff's control or the NRC's established priority system, this should be clearly stated.
4. If a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is required, and whether the rule will affect small entities and, if so, whether the small entities are businesses, governmental jurisdictions, or organizations.
5. The legal authority for the action and whether the rule is subject to a legal deadline, either statutory or judicial, and whether this deadline is for a proposed rule, a final rule, or some other action.

6. The date the rulemaking was originally approved by the EDO, if applicable.
7. The latest dates for publication and for the comment period.
8. The target dates for the next scheduled action and for final action on the rule.
9. The name, telephone number, and e-mail of the NRC contact.

For each rule being developed that has been approved by the EDO but not included in the last agenda, please provide the required information as a new agenda entry in the NRC agenda format.