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**NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2001-24  
STATUS OF RECEIPT OF NRC MAIL FOLLOWING  
THE CLOSING OF THE BRENTWOOD POSTAL FACILITY**

**ADDRESSEES**

All NRC licensees.

**INTENT**

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this regulatory issue summary (RIS) to provide individuals and organizations outside of the NRC with information that will assist them in determining the method they should use to submit documents to the NRC. The agency is providing this information because of continuing delays by the US Postal Service (USPS) in delivering agency mail due to inspection and investigation processes associated with the potential presence of anthrax in mail handling facilities.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On October 18, 2001, the Brentwood Postal Facility located in Northeast Washington, DC, was closed because anthrax was detected. This facility received the majority of official mail sent to Federal agencies. On October 18, the USPS impounded all mail at that facility as well as all mail that was subsequently received. The USPS arranged to sanitize all First Class mail before distributing it to Federal agencies.

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE**

At NRC Headquarters, in Rockville, Maryland, 80 percent of the agency's mail was processed through the Brentwood Postal Facility. Since October 18, the NRC has received a very small amount of First Class mail with Zip Code 20555. On Monday, November 19, the USPS began delivery of First Class mail that had been irradiated.

This RIS informs licensees of the continuing delay that the NRC is experiencing in receiving its mail and indicates that licensees may want to consider alternative options for submitting documents to the NRC. Some options may include using private vendors, such as Federal Express and the United Parcel Service. Also, those licensees that have been approved to submit documents electronically and have been issued digital certificates are encouraged to send submittals in electronic form. All licensees and others who make submittals in accordance

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with 10 CFR Part 50 and who have not yet been issued digital certificates can obtain a digital certificate by selecting the EIE link at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov).

### **BACKFIT DISCUSSION**

This RIS requires no action or written response. Any action on the part of addressees regarding measures to expedite delivery of documents to the NRC is strictly voluntary. Consequently, the staff did not perform a backfit analysis.

### **FEDERAL REGISTER NOTIFICATION**

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### **PAPERWORK REDUCTION STATEMENT**

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2001-22	Attributes of A Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination	11/20/2001	All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors, including those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel
2001-21	Licensing Action Estimates for Operating Reactors	11/16/2001	All power reactor licensees, including those that have elected to permanently cease operations and have submitted certifications pursuant to Title 10, Section 50.82(a)(1), of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 50.82(a)(1))

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