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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW GUIDANCE FOR LICENSING ACTIONS  
ASSOCIATED WITH NMSS PROGRAMS;  
NOTICE OF EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of Extended Comment Period

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is extending the public comment period on the draft document "Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated with NMSS Programs" (NUREG-1748) until November 30, 2002. The availability of this document was originally noticed in the Federal Register on October 18, 2001 ( 66 FR 52951). This document provides guidance for the planning and implementation of National Environmental Policy Act requirements. The guidance is intended for use by NRC staff and licensees/applicants, and provides information to the public. The NRC is seeking public comments in order to receive feedback from the widest range of interested parties and to ensure that all information relevant to developing the document is available to the NRC staff. This document is being issued for interim use and comment. The NRC will review public comments received on the draft document. Suggested changes will be incorporated, where appropriate, in response to those comments.

DATES: Comments received by November 30, 2002, will be considered. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practical.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit comments to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Mail Stop T6-D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments may also be sent electronically to [nmssnepa@nrc.gov](mailto:nmssnepa@nrc.gov).

NUREG-1748 is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the Commission's Public Document Room, U.S. NRC's Headquarters Building, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web Site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

A free single copy of NUREG-1748 will be made available to interested parties until the supply is exhausted. Such copies may be requested by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Distribution Services, Washington, DC 20555-0001 or submitting an e-mail to [distribution@nrc.gov](mailto:distribution@nrc.gov). NUREG-1748 is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1748/index.html>.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2002.

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