

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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**Electronic Maintenance and Submission of Information  
Revision, Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule: Withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing a direct final rule that would have amended its rules to clarify when and how licensees and other members of the public might use electronic means to communicate with the agency. The NRC is taking this action because it has received significant adverse comments on the rule. Those comments will now be considered as comments on the identical proposed rule that was published concurrently with the direct final rule. The agency will address those comments in a later final rule.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On September 6, 2002 (67 FR 57084), the NRC published a direct final rule in the *Federal Register* amending its regulations to clarify when and how the public might communicate with the agency through electronic media. Appended to the rule, for comment, was guidance on how to submit documents to the agency electronically. The direct final rule and the guidance were to have become effective on December 5, 2002. The NRC also concurrently published for comment an identical proposed rule on September 6, 2002 (67 FR 57120).

