

Approved For Publication

The Commission delegated to the EDO (10 CFR 1.32(c)) the authority to develop and promulgate rules as defined in the APA (5 U.S.C. 551(4)) subject to the limitations in NRC Management Directive 9.17, Organization and Functions, Office of the Executive Director for Operations, paragraphs 0213, 038, 039, and 0310.

The enclosed direct final rule entitled "Foreign Obligation Tracking of Source Material" amends 10 CFR Parts 40 and 150 to change the requirements for reporting foreign origin source material. This amendment will require the reporting of source material with foreign obligations, instead of source material of foreign origin. This amendment will also permit licensees to submit their annual source material inventory statements along with their material balance reports for special nuclear material, providing additional flexibility.

This direct final rule does not constitute a significant question of policy, nor does it amend regulations contained in 10 CFR Parts 7, 8, or 9, Subpart C, concerning matters of policy. I therefore find that this rule is within the scope of my rulemaking authority and am proceeding to issue it.

February 21, 2003
Date

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William D. Travers,
Executive Director for Operations