

March 4, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Martin J. Virgilio, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety **/RA/**
and Safeguards

SUBJECT: DIRECT FINAL RULE TO AMEND PART 20, "RADIATION
EXPOSURE REPORTS: LABELING PERSONAL
INFORMATION"

Attached for your signature is a direct final rule with the companion proposed rule (Attachments 1 and 2) amending U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations in 10 CFR Part 20. The direct final rule entitled "Radiation Exposure Reports: Minor Filing Amendment," amends 10 CFR Part 20 by revising the requirement to submit 30-day reports for overexposures. The amendment will require licensees to clearly label any section of the report containing personal information "Privacy Act Information: Not for Public Disclosure." This change is being made to prevent the inadvertent release of privacy information contained in overexposure reports. Documents currently received by the NRC are placed directly into ADAMS unless they are marked as sensitive or controlled. In order for the Agency's document control personnel to properly process the report as a non-public document, the report must be appropriately labeled. This labeling will ensure that personal information filed with exposure event reports will not be accessible by the public through the NRC's document control system, ADAMS.

Background: Because this amendment involves only a minor amendment to existing regulations and it is not expected to be controversial, we are using the direct final rule process.. This amendment is intended to ensure that personal information is properly segregated in the NRC's document management system.

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