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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a revision to an existing guide in the agency's Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 7.9, "Standard Format and Content of Part 71 Applications for Approval of Packages for Radioactive Material," provides guidance for use in preparing applications for NRC approval of packaging to be used in shipping Type B and fissile radioactive materials. This guidance describes a method that is acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the NRC's related regulatory requirements in Title 10, Part 71, of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR Part 71), "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."

In December 2003, the NRC staff published a draft of this guide as Draft Regulatory Guide DG-7003. Following the closure of the public comment period on March 9, 2004, the staff resolved all stakeholder comments in the course of preparing Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 7.9.

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Requests for technical information about Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 7.9 may be directed to Nancy L. Osgood at (301) 415-8513 or via email to NLO@nrc.gov.

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