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**U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S (NRC) COMMENTS ON THE
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION'S (OSHA) REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION ON OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION PROTECTION STANDARDS (STP-05-066)**

OSHA is gathering information to assess the viability of updating their regulations on occupational exposure to ionizing radiation in 29 CFR Part 1910. These regulations were not updated when the NRC updated 10 CFR Part 20 in 1991. OSHA's Request For Information (RFI) on occupational exposure to ionizing radiation was published in the *Federal Register* (Vol. 70, No. 84, Page 22828-22835) on May 3, 2005.

The NRC provided comments on July 28, 2005, and can be found at: <http://ecomments.osha.gov/vg001/V047A/04/49/54.PDF>. The deadline for submitting comments to OSHA has been extended until November 28, 2005, to give stakeholders adequate time to comment on the Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation (BEIR) VII report on health risks for exposure to low levels of ionizing radiation, which was not issued until June 29, 2005.

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