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CERTIFICATION RULE

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The NRC proposes a schedule for acceptance of shortly after the effective date of the revised rule, provided the applicable provisions being adopted in that rulemaking (e.g., changes to Subpart H to Part 2, Sections 51.55 and 52.63) are met.

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