

## DEDMRS MONTHLY BRIEFINGS ON HIGH-LEVEL WASTE REPOSITORY SAFETY

January 24, 2006

### **EPA Standards/Part 63**

- The comment period on EPA's proposed revisions to its Yucca Mountain standard closed on November 21. Informally, EPA has indicated they could issue a final rule as early as Fall 2006. Management direction to the EPA working team on content of the final rule and response to comments, is expected late this month or early next.
- The comment period on NRC's proposed revisions to Part 63 closed on December 7. The NRC has received and docketed 14 distinct letters during the comment period. Since the comment period ended, NRC has docketed 2 more comment letters from individuals and 2 supplemental comments by the State of Nevada (e.g., calculation of radon exposure with newer dosimetry based on

February 23, 2006

### **EPA Standards/Part 63**

- The comment period on EPA's proposed revisions to its Yucca Mountain standard closed on November 21. Informally, EPA has indicated they could issue a final rule by the end of the calendar year.
- The comment period on NRC's proposed revisions to Part 63 closed on December 7. The NRC has received and docketed 16 distinct letters and 2 supplemental comments by the State of Nevada. Staff are analyzing and preparing responses to the comments and will keep management informed of any significant developments.
- Staff briefed the ACNW on the proposed Part 63 in November and December 2005. The presentations provided the background of NRC's proposed revisions to Part 63, with additional detail on the basis for NRC's specification for deep percolation (average value of 32 mm/year) as a means to represent climate change. The Committee has sent recommendations to the Commission (letter dated January 23, 2006) - specifically the Committee has recommended additional considerations for the staff to consider in improving support for the specification of climate change such as anthropogenic effects on climate. Staff has responded (letter in concurrence - due to EDO February 27) stating it will consider the suggestions as it finalizes the regulation.
- On February 1, 2006, staff briefed the NWTRB in Las Vegas, Nevada, on the Part 63 proposal (same briefing provided to ACNW in December). No significant issues were raised in the NWTRB Meeting.

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March 20, 2006

**EPA Standards/Part 63**

- EPA has indicated publicly their goal is to issue a final rule by the end of the calendar year. Staff are analyzing and preparing responses to the comments on revised Part 63 and will keep management informed of any significant developments.

April 24, 2006

**EPA Standards/Part 63**

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June 1, 2006

**EPA Standards/Part 63**

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June 19, 2006

**EPA Standards/Part 63**

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July 31, 2006

**EPA Standards/Part 63**

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August 22, 2006

**EPA Standards/Part 63**

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September 19, 2006

**EPA Standards/Part 63**

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October 23, 2006

**EPA Standards/Part 63**

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November 13, 2006

**Rules and Guides (EPA Standards/Part 63 & Security and Safeguards)**

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December 19, 2006

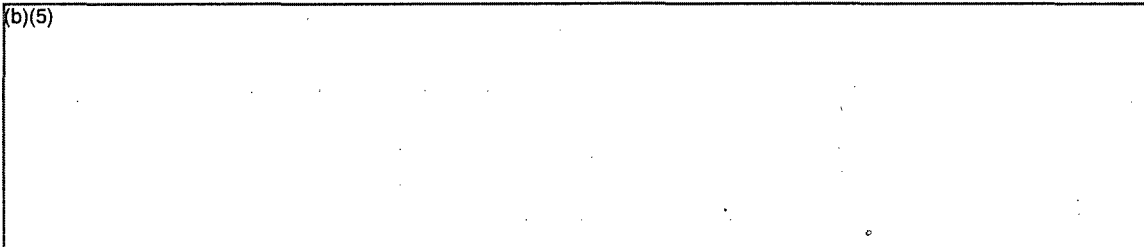
**Rules and Guides (EPA Standards/Part 63 & Security and Safeguards)**

- EPA has indicated publicly their goal is to issue a final rule by the end of the calendar year. Staff are analyzing and preparing responses to the comments on revised Part 63 and will keep management informed of any significant developments. Final EPA Standard went to OMB December 14.

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**Rules and Guides (EPA Standards/Part 63 & Security and Safeguards) [SENSITIVE]**

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February 13, 2007

**Rules and Guides (EPA Standards/Part 63 & Security and Safeguards) [SENSITIVE]**

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April 23, 2007

**Rules and Guides (EPA Standards/Part 63 & Security and Safeguards) [SENSITIVE]**

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May 23, 2007

**Rules and Guides (EPA Standards/Part 63 & Security and Safeguards) [SENSITIVE]**

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June 2007 meeting cancelled.

July 30, 2007

**Rules and Guides (EPA Standards/Part 63 & Security and Safeguards) [SENSITIVE]**

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