

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Notice of Availability of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Nuclear  
Regulatory Commission and the Bureau of Land Management**

**[NRC-2009-0578]**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Introduction**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have finalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to define the cooperative working relationship between the agencies in each agency's preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents related to the extraction of uranium and thorium on public lands administered by BLM. The MOU was finalized on November 30, 2009. The MOU will improve the interagency communications, facilitate the sharing of special expertise and information, and coordinate the preparation of studies, reports and environmental (NEPA) documents.

**II. Summary**

The MOU provides a framework for this cooperative relationship and identifies the responsibilities of each agency. The intent of the MOU is to improve interagency

communications, facilitate the sharing of special expertise and information, and coordinate the preparation of studies, reports and environmental (NEPA) documents associated with NRC licensing actions and the BLM administration of public lands. The implementation of the MOU will occur through periodic meetings between the NRC and BLM management to ensure coordination, establishing points of contact at each agency, identifying information gaps that can be filled by each agency, and ensuring that specific environmental resources issues of interest to each agency are covered in each environmental review. To the fullest extent possible, NRC and BLM will participate either as lead agency, co-lead or cooperating agency on the preparation of site-specific environmental documents.

### III. Further Information

**Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID **NRC-2009-0578**. Address questions about NRC documents to Carol Gallagher, 301-492-3668; e-mail [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

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301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The “Memorandum of Understanding between the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, an Independent Agency” is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML093430195.

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