The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing Regulatory Guide (RG) 7.3, *Procedures for Picking Up and Receiving Packages of Radioactive Material*. This guide was published in May 1975 and provided guidance on meeting the requirements in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations 20.205, *Procedures for picking up, receiving, and opening packages*. RG 7.3 provided guidance to licensees for making arrangements for receipt, pickup, and monitoring of packages containing radioactive material; and reporting when received packages show evidence of leakage or excessive radiation levels. The NRC is withdrawing this regulatory guide because the information it contained has been combined into the proposed revision 1 to RG 7.7, *Administrative Guide for Verifying Compliance with Packaging Requirements for Shipment and Receipt of Radioactive Material*.

The Atomic Energy Commission completed an immediately effective rulemaking on May 22, 1974, to include these requirements due to two incidents resulting in excessive contamination and radiation exposures from improperly packaged radioactive material. Since these requirements were new to the transportation community the Atomic Energy Commission developed this RG to provide licensees with a method acceptable to the staff for meeting the new requirements. Since this time, there has been extensive experience by the transportation community on receiving and opening packages and the regulations have been updated several times, this RG has not been kept current.

In light of the guidance provided in RG 7.7, staff recommends withdrawing this RG instead of revising it.

II. Further Information

The withdrawal of Regulatory Guide 7.3 does not alter any prior or existing licensing commitments based on its use. Regulatory guides may be withdrawn when their guidance is superseded by newer guidance, congressional action or no longer provides useful information