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NRC TO HOLD MEETINGS IN ILLINOIS, MASSACHUSETTS ON COMPATIBILITY OF STATE REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN DEVICES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold public meetings in Illinois on Sept. 20 and Massachusetts on Sept. 22 to receive public comment on impacts to manufacturers and distributors and end-users of generally licensed medical and industrial devices from revisions to the compatibility categories of NRC regulations.

The Commission directed the staff last December to change the Agreement State compatibility categories of certain NRC requirements for generally licensed devices from "B" to "C." The change would give Agreement States (the 37 states that regulate radioactive materials under agreements with the NRC) greater flexibility to impose requirements on certain general licensees.

The Sept. 20 meeting will be held at NRC's Region III offices in Lisle, Ill., 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210, from 12:00-5:30 p.m. The Sept. 22 meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Mansfield, 31 Hampshire St., Mansfield, Mass., also from 12:00-5:30 p.m.

In a *Federal Register* notice published Sept. 12, the NRC staff outlined several questions for manufacturers and distributors and the end-users of generally licensed devices (for example, certain fixed gauges, x-ray fluorescence materials analyzers, tritium exit signs). The staff will also accept written answers to the questions through Oct. 30. Written comments may be submitted through the federal government's rulemaking website, www.regulations.gov, using Docket ID NRC-2011-0214, or by e-mail to Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov.

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