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NRC Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Revisions to Requirements for Medical Uses of Radioactive Materials

The NRC is seeking public comment on proposed revisions to its rules related to medical uses of radioactive materials. While implementing the current regulations, NRC staff, stakeholders, and NRC's Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes identified the need for the proposed revisions, published in the July 21 *Federal Register* for 120 days of public comment.

The NRC proposes to amend 10 CFR Part 35 and make some conforming changes to Parts 30 and 32. The changes would amend the definition of medical events associated with permanent implant brachytherapy; update training and experience requirements for authorized users, medical physicists, radiation safety officers, and nuclear pharmacists; address a petition the NRC received seeking to recognize the qualifications of board certified physicists and radiation safety officers not specifically named on a license; change requirements for measuring molybdenum contamination and reporting generator tests that exceed allowed contamination levels; allow associate radiation safety officers to be named on a medical license; and make several minor clarifications.

Public comments on the proposed revisions will be accepted through November 18. They may be submitted through the <u>Federal e-Rulemaking portal</u> by searching for Docket ID NRC-2008-0175; by <u>email</u>; by mail to Secretary, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff; or by fax to 301-415-1101.