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Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications				
Abstract				
The proposed rule would amend the Commission's regulations by implementing the new authority in section 161A of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, for access to enhanced weapons and associated firearms background checks, and would modify physical security event notifications at power reactor facilities, at-reactor Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations, and Category I strategic special nuclear materials facilities. There is significant public interest in this rulemaking because one of the authorities allowed under Section 161A is the authority to use certain weapons that would be otherwise prohibited by other State, local or other Federal laws (known as preemption authority).				
Justification				
This rule scores 40 points (15,10,10,5) because of the following reasons: A) Significant contributor to the Security goal (Objective 1, Strategies 1 & 2); B) Significant contributor to Regulatory Effectiveness (Strategies 1 & 3); C) Directed by Congress in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Commission direction regarding schedule in SRM-SECY-12-0125; and D) Significant public interest.				
Start Dates	Reg Basis Completed	PR Sent to Comm/EDO	FR Sent to Comm/EDO	Publication Date
10/01/2005	N/A	2/26/2015	03/01/2016	03/01/2017