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Financial Qualifications for Reactor Licensing				
Abstract				
The purpose of this rulemaking is to amend the 10 CFR Part 50 financial qualifications demonstration requirements for initial license issuance of nuclear power reactors as discussed in SECY-13-0124, "Policy Options for Merchant Plant Financial Qualification." This action would resolve the industry-asserted impediment to licensing which currently exists for some non-electric utility (merchant plant) applicants.				
Justification				
The rule scores 23 points (7, 5, 6, 5) because of the following reasons: A) Moderate contributor toward one goal AND implements one goal strategy (Safety Strategy 2); B) Moderate contributor toward one strategy (Regulatory effectiveness strategies 1); C) Moderate contributor toward one or more considerations. Supports an NRC licensing initiative with a future regulatory benefit and has Commission and Congressional interest; and D) Significant industry interest and regulatory burden reduction in financial qualification for merchant plants.				
Start Dates	Reg Basis Completed	PR Sent to Comm/EDO	FR Sent to Comm/EDO	Publication Date
05/01/2014	12/01/2015	03/01/2017	08/01/2018	02/01/2019