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| Radiation Protection | | | | |
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| Abstract | | | | |
| <p>This prospective rulemaking, if approved by the Commission, would amend the radiation protection regulations in 10 CFR Part 20 to achieve a closer alignment with the dose terminology and methodology recommendations of International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) 103 (2007). The current 10 CFR part 20 regulations are based upon ICRP 26 (1978). This prospective rulemaking would also consider other revisions to the part 20 regulations including changes to the "As Low As Reasonably Achievable" (ALARA) provisions (e.g., the use of a constraint value), a reduction in the dose limit to the lens of the eye (from 15 rem to 5 rem), a reduction in the dose limit to the embryo/fetus of a declared pregnant occupational worker (from 500 mrem to 100 mrem), expanding the categories of occupational workers subject to reporting under 10 CFR 20.2206 (REIRS database), and implementing the Commission's metrication policy with respect to any amendments made under this prospective rulemaking to Part 20 and other regulations. SRM-SECY-12-0064 dated December 17, 2012 directed the staff to prepare a regulatory basis to support a proposed rule, and to submit that regulatory basis to the Commission as a voting matter. The staff will not proceed with developing a proposed rule unless directed by the Commission.</p> | | | | |
| Justification | | | | |
| <p>The rule scores 26 points (10, 6, 8, 2) because of the following reasons:</p> <p>A. Moderate contributor toward one or more goals and implements multiple strategies in one or more goals (safety strategies 1, 2, and 7).</p> <p>B. Moderate contributor toward one strategy (regulatory effectiveness strategies 2).</p> <p>C. Significant contributor toward one or more considerations or the Commission has provided specific direction and priority/schedule on the rulemaking. SRM-SECY-08-0179 provides Commission direction to proceed with gathering information. In addition, this rule implements ICRP 102.</p> <p>D. Moderate contributor toward one or more considerations. There is some interest in this rule from industry and stakeholders.</p> | | | | |
| Start Dates | Reg Basis Completed | PR Sent to Comm/EDO | FR Sent to Comm/EDO | Publication Date |
| 12/1/12 | 12/1/15 | TBD | TBD | TBD |