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Implementation Schedule for Final Enhanced Weapons Rule

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Purpose

- Describe the implementation schedule for the final enhanced weapons rule
- Inform NRC staff's understanding of any implementation challenges due to cumulative effects of regulation (CER)



Effective and Compliance Dates

- All of the new and revised provisions of this final rule are proposed to take effect 30 days after publication in the *Federal Register*
- However, some provisions will have substantial compliance dates
- Most provisions will have no compliance date



Structure of Final Rule

- The final rule has 3 major implementation schedule provisions
 - Licensees issued Orders under sect. 161A authority (transition to the rule)
 - Licensees seeking new sect. 161A authority (voluntary)
 - Physical security event notification provisions (mandatory)



Licensees under Orders

- The proposed rule text contains provisions the timing of transition from orders to final regulations
 - §73.18(s) and §73.19(r) provide language on the transition timing and notification to the NRC
 - Objective is to sunset the orders after the final rule takes effect



Under Orders (cont.)

- Update procedures, instructions, and training material required by the Orders to reflect the final rule text
 - Within 60 days of effective date
- Notify NRC of completion of these transition activities
 - Within 70 days of effective date



New Applications for §161A

- Since application for §161A authority is voluntary, no compliance date is necessary
- Since firearms background checks may only be accomplished by licensees who have applied for §161A authority, no compliance date is necessary



Security Event Notifications

- All licensees with physical security requirements under Part 73 must notify the NRC of certain physical security events per §73.71
- However, implementation of these provisions will require time
 - A compliance period of 9 months is currently proposed



Notifications (cont.)

- The NRC expects licensees will need to —
 - Develop updated physical security event notification procedures
 - Complete management reviews and approvals
 - Train SROs and security supervisors during standard training cycles



Notifications (cont.)

- Based upon this scope of effort, staff is proposing a 9 month compliance period
- However, staff is also seeking insights on potential CER impacts to develop final rule compliance dates



Implementation Requirements Summary

- **All provisions of the final rule will take effect within 30 days of publication in the *Federal Register***
- **Compliance within 60 days –**
 - §73.18(s) and §73.19(r) (Licensees with §161A orders)
- **Notification within 70 days –**
 - Completion of transition efforts under §73.18(s) and §73.19(r)
- **Compliance within 9 months –**
 - §73.71 and Appendix G (all affected licensees)