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Groundwater Protection At In Situ Leach Uranium Recovery Facilities (Rev. 2)				
Abstract				
<p>This rule would amend the Commission's regulations to clarify the regulations in 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A, "Criteria Relating to the Operation of Uranium Mills and the Disposition of Tailings or Wastes Produced by the Extraction or Concentration of Source Material From Ores Processed Primarily for Their Source Material Content," to better ensure groundwater protection at in situ leach uranium recovery facilities. The proposed rule would codify practices currently done through license condition to provide the industry and public with more predictability during the licensing process. The rulemaking is being delayed while the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revises the requirements in 40 CFR Part 192 (which provide the standards for Nuclear Regulatory Commission's byproduct regulations).</p>				
Justification				
<p>The rule scores 26 points (13, 6, 5, 2) because of the following reasons: A) Moderate contributor toward one goal and implements one goal strategy (safety strategy 1); B) Moderate contributor toward one strategy (regulatory effectiveness strategy 2); C) Moderate contributor toward one or more considerations or the Commission has provided specific direction and priority/schedule on the rulemaking. SRM-COMJSM-06-0001 (Rev.) provides Commission direction to prepare this rule; and D) Moderate contributor toward one or more consideration. There is 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
03/24/2006	04/03/2006	11/19/2018	03/20/2020	09/20/2020