This page provides an abstract, justification, and target dates for a potential rule that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has prioritized in its Common Prioritization of Rulemaking listing.

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Modified Small Quantities Protocol				
Abstract				
This rule amends the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 40, 70, and 75, as needed, to ensure that the U.S. Government can meet its international obligations under INFCIRC/366. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is responsible for ensuring compliance by the licensees in the U.S. Caribbean Territories. Changes will go into effect as a final rule, issued without notice and comment under 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1), which allows agencies to issue rules involving the foreign affairs functions of the United States without notice and comment. These rule changes must be in effect before the U.S. Government can bring the modified Small Quantities Protocol to INFCIRC/366 into force.				
Justification				
The rule scores 35 points (10, 10, 10, 5) because of the following reasons: A) Moderate contributor toward one goal and implements one goal strategy (security strategies 1); B) Significant contributor toward one or more strategy (regulatory effectiveness strategies 1 and 2); C) Significant contributor toward one or more considerations or the Commission has provided specific direction and priority/schedule on the rulemaking; and D) Significant contributor toward one or more considerations. Significant interest in this rule from IAEA and stakeholders.				
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