

# Rulemaking Tracking and Reporting

Category 3 Public Meeting  
March 11, 2016

# Meeting Purpose

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To obtain feedback to inform the development of a Commission paper that will recommend improvements to the NRC's approach for tracking and reporting its rulemaking activities

# Meeting Agenda

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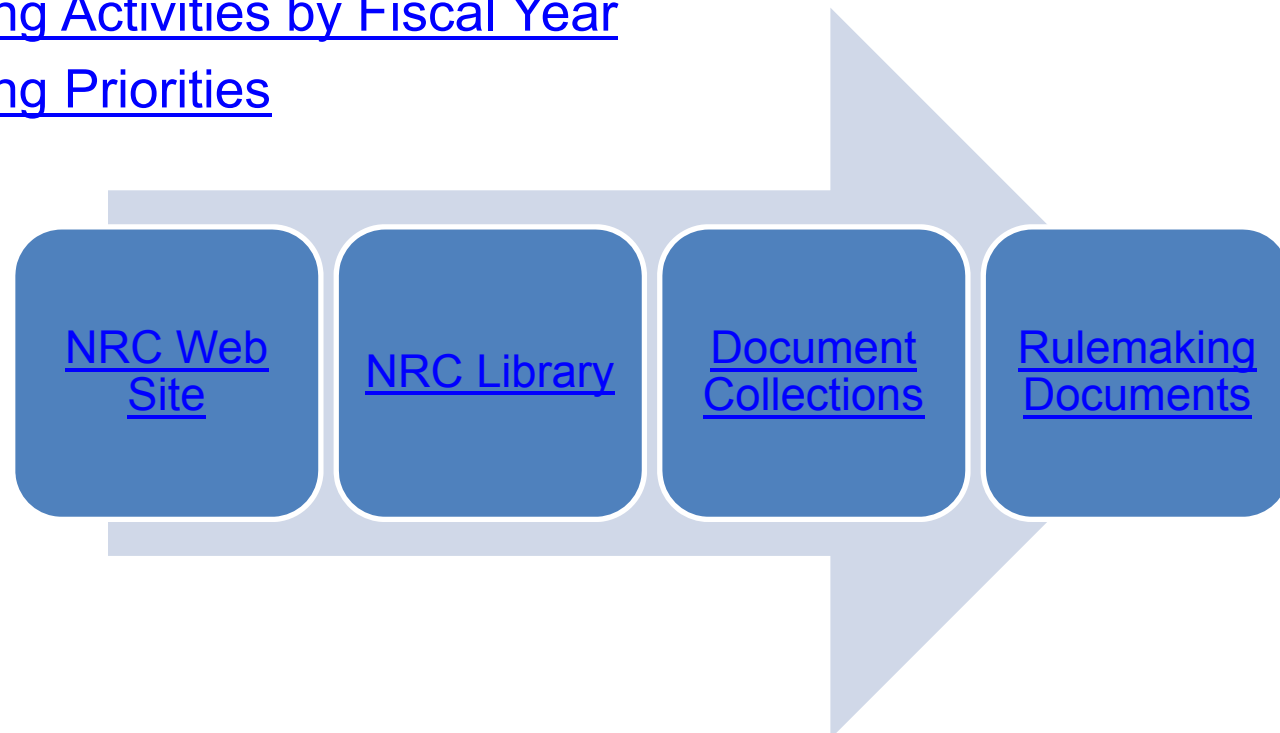
Welcome and Introductions	10 minutes
Background	10 minutes
Specific Topics for Discussion	3.5 hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single, unified approach to track rulemaking activities and inform external stakeholders</li><li>• Consistent terminology and definitions to characterize the type and status of rulemakings</li><li>• Methods to ensure that the Commission, staff, and external stakeholders have “real time” access to view current information</li><li>• Improvements to rulemaking pages on the NRC’s Web site</li></ul>	
Closing Comments	10 minutes

# Background

- February 11, 2016, memorandum, “Rulemaking Tracking and Reporting” (ADAMS Accession No. ML16054A193) directed the staff to prepare a notation vote paper that addresses –
  - A single unified approach (consistent with existing legal requirements) to track rulemaking activities and inform (i.e., report to) the public and other stakeholders
  - Consistent terminology and definitions to characterize the type and status of rulemaking activities that are inherently understandable by the general public
  - Methods to ensure that the Commission, staff and external stakeholders have “real time” access to view current information on rulemaking activities, as opposed to relying on snapshots in time available through papers or the NRC’s public website. These are quickly outdated
  - Improvements to the NRC’s rulemaking website that reflect items i, ii, and iii above, including a clear explanation of the current status of any given rulemaking activity

# Current NRC Rulemaking Reports

- [Unified Agenda](#) (also available at [www.Reginfo.gov](http://www.Reginfo.gov))
- [Regulatory Plan](#) (also available at [www.Reginfo.gov](http://www.Reginfo.gov))
- [Rulemaking Dockets](#)
- [Petition for Rulemaking Dockets](#)
- [Rulemaking Activities by Fiscal Year](#)
- [Rulemaking Priorities](#)





# Federal Rulemaking Web Site

## [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)



### Mitigation Strategies for Beyond Design Basis Events

**Docket Folder Summary** [View all documents and comments in this Docket](#)

**Docket ID:** NRC-2014-0240 **Agency:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

#### Summary:

This rulemaking merges: 1) Station Blackout Mitigation Strategies (RIN 3150-AJ08; NRC-2011-0299), and 2) Strengthening and Integrating Onsite Emergency Response Capabilities (RIN 3150-AJ11; NRC-2012-0031). The purpose of this rulemaking is to enhance mitigation strategies for nuclear power reactors for beyond-design-basis external events. This rulemaking addresses recommendations from the Near Term Task Force (NTTF) related to station blackout, spent fuel pool long term cooling, and emergency preparedness (NTTF recommendations 4,7,8, and portions of 9, 10, and 11). In SRM-SECY-11-0124, the Commission directed the staff to initiate the station blackout rulemaking as a high-priority activity. Also, SRM-SECY-11-0137 approved the staff's proposal to strengthen and integrate onsite emergency response capabilities such as emergency operating procedures (EOPs), severe accident management [more...](#)

**RIN:** 3150-AJ49 **Impacts and Effects:** None **CFR Citation:** 10 CFR 50,10 CFR 52 **Priority:** Other Significant

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#### UA and Regulatory Plan Information

**Publication Period:** Fall 2015  
**Agenda Stage of Rulemaking:** Proposed Rule  
**Major Rule:** No  
**Legal Authorities:** 42 U.S.C. 2201; 42 U.S.C. 5841  
**Legal Deadlines:** None  
**Government Levels Affected:** No

**Federalism Implications:** No  
**Unfunded Mandates:** No  
**Requires Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:** No  
**Small Entities Affected:** No  
**International Impacts:** No  
**Included in Regulatory Plan:** No

#### Timetable

Action	Date	FR Citation
NPRM	12/00/2015	

#### Docket Details

**Related RINs:** None  
**Related Dockets:** [NRC-2011-0299](#), [NRC-2012-0031](#)

**Keyword(s):** Part 50, Part 52, station blackout, spent fuel pool cooling, emergency preparedness  
**Type:** Rulemaking

#### Primary Documents [View All \(4\)](#)



#### Mitigation of Beyond-Design-Basis Events


**Proposed Rule** **Posted:** 11/13/2015 **ID:** NRC-2014-0240-0003

**Comment Period Closed**  
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#### Regulatory Timeline

 Pre Rule

 Proposed Rule  
Current Stage

 Final Rule

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# Recommendations for a Single, Unified Approach

- All planned rulemaking activities would be tracked within a central, internal database
- All planned rulemaking activities would include –
  - Funded rulemaking activities for the next 2 fiscal years
  - Unfunded rulemaking activities
  - Funded rulemaking activities that are anticipated to be completed in the current fiscal year
  - Petitions for rulemaking
- Database would track all information described in the “Data Dictionary for Rulemaking Dataset”
- Database would be updated when tracked information changes
- Any requests for rulemaking-related information would be automatically generated from the database; resulting in consistent information provided to multiple requests

# Recommendations for Consistent Terminology and Definitions

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- “Data Dictionary for Rulemaking Dataset” developed to ensure consistent use of terminology for the rulemaking data tracked
- Goal is to write definitions in plain language for clarity
- “Data Dictionary for Rulemaking Dataset” would be available on the NRC Web site and referenced in Management Directive 6.3, [“The Rulemaking Process”](#)



# Recommendations for Real Time Updates

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- Web site would contain “real time” data
- Staff is evaluating “real time” capabilities

# Recommendations for Improvements to Rulemaking Pages at NRC Web Site

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- Overview of –
  - Rulemaking Process
  - Petition for Rulemaking Process
  - Common Prioritization of Rulemaking
    - Process agency uses to determine the relative priority of NRC rulemaking activities and to develop rulemaking program budget estimates
- Other rulemaking information of public interest, including rulemakings affecting small entities and guidance for small entities
- Links to –
  - Unified Agenda and Regulatory Plan
  - “Real time” Rulemaking Activity Data
  - Historical Rulemaking Activity Data

## Next Steps

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- Provide notation vote paper to the Commission by April 11, 2016
- Receive direction from Commission in a Staff Requirements Memorandum
- Implement Commission direction

# Questions?