

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

(10 CFR Part 20)

EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD ON ADVANCE NOTICE OF RULEMAKING
ON CERTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL DOSIMETRY PROCESSORS

AND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Announcement of a Public Meeting on Personnel Dosimetry Performance Testing and extension of the written comment period with respect to an Advance Notice of Rulemaking on Certification of Personnel Dosimetry Processors.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recently published an Advance Notice of Rulemaking on Certification of Personnel Dosimetry Processors (45 FR 20493, March 28, 1980). The NRC will hold a public meeting to discuss with processors and others methods of improving the consistency and accuracy of dosimetry results, to review the Advance Notice of Rulemaking and the regulatory alternatives identified therein, to discuss elements of quality assurance programs, and to obtain oral comments. The comment period on the Advance Notice, which was to have closed May 27, is being extended to June 27, 1980.

DATE: (1) New comment period expires June 27, 1980.

(2) Meetings will be held May 28 and 29, 1980, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Inquiries and requests to make prepared presentations should be directed in writing or telephoned no later than May 23, 1980 to Nancy A. Dennis at the address below.

ADDRESSES: (1) Comments or suggestions for consideration in connection with these alternatives should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention Docketing and Service Branch. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, D. C.


(2) The meetings will be held in the auditorium of the General Services Administration Building, 18th and F Streets, NW., Washington, D. C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An Advance Notice of Rulemaking on Certification of Personnel Dosimetry Processors appeared in the FEDERAL REGISTER March 28, 1980, on which the comment period was to close May 27, 1980. The comment period is hereby extended 30 additional days, to June 27, 1980, to allow attendees to the Public Meeting also being announced by this Notice time to supplement or revise their comments on the Advance Notice. The Commission staff believes that it would be helpful in this rulemaking process (1) to provide an opportunity in an open forum for discussion of reasons for poor performance by some dosimetry processors in a pilot study recently conducted for the NRC by the University of Michigan, and for pilot study participants to discuss with each other and the NRC staff any experiences during the pilot study which led to process improvements or which for any other reason should be taken into consideration by the staff (this meeting and the Advance Notice should provide processors with the opportunity to discuss and to effect necessary process changes well before the new regulations go into effect), (2) to review the Advance Notice of Rulemaking and the regulatory alternatives identified therein, (3) to discuss the elements of dosimetry quality assurance programs, and (4) to obtain oral comments. Oral presentations

on the above subjects will be made by NRC staff personnel and by Dr. Phillip Plato, University of Michigan, contractor to the NRC. Participants who indicate in advance their desire to make prepared presentations will be allowed to do so. Advance notice of intent to make prepared presentations must be received by May 23, 1980; notice by telephone is acceptable. Time permitted for these presentations will be limited to 10 minutes each. Written comments of any length will be accepted at the meeting or may be submitted to the address indicated in the Advance Notice. Additional information on this subject is provided in the following three documents which discuss and report the results of the pilot study: NUREG/CR-1063 (Procedures Manual), NUREG/CR-1064 (Final Report), and NUREG/CR-1304 (Supplementary Report). Copies may be obtained from GPO Sales Program, Division of Technical Information and Document Control, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, or from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22161. Copies of the meeting transcript and written comments submitted may be obtained from the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20555.



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