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Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
United States House of Representatives
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The Commission is publishing the proposed rule for public comment allowing a 90-day comment period from date of publication.

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cc: Representative James V. Hansen

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

NRC PROPOSES TO AMEND ITS REGULATION ON LICENSING REQUIREMENTS
FOR PERSONS INVOLVED IN INDUSTRIAL RADIOGRAPHY

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Some of the overexposure incidents involving radiographers have been attributed to ineffective training. It is anticipated that this amendment will provide greater assurance of safe radiographic operations.