



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

April 21, 1993

The Honorable Richard H. Lehman, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
Committee on Natural Resources
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for the information of the subcommittee is a copy of a final rule to be published in the Federal Register that contains amendments to 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52. This rulemaking meets the directives contained in Section 306 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 which required NRC to promulgate regulations or other appropriate regulatory guidance establishing instructional requirements for civilian nuclear power plant personnel. This rule replaces the March 20, 1985, NRC Policy Statement on Training and Qualification of Nuclear Power Plant Personnel, and its subsequent 1988 amendment, which were intended to meet the Congressional mandate. The NRC undertook this rulemaking in order to comply with a decision made in April 1990 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit which concluded that the NRC did not meet the intent of Section 306 when the Agency published a nonbinding policy statement rather than regulations. The NRC believes that the additions to 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52 are fully responsive to the spirit and intent of Section 306 and offer an integrated approach to the concerns highlighted by Congress.

This rule would require that each applicant for and holder of an operating license for a nuclear power plant establish, implement, and maintain, a training program for nuclear power plant personnel. It would also require that the training program provide qualified personnel to operate and maintain the facility in a safe manner in all modes of operation. Licensees would be required to have the training programs in place no later than 180 days after the effective date of this rule. Applicants for an operating license would be required to have the training programs in place no later than 18 months prior to fuel load, or 180 days after the effective date of the rule, whichever comes later.

Sincerely,

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Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
Notice of Final Rulemaking

cc: Representative Barbara Vucanovich

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Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
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