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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON REPORT
BY NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comments on a report on "Radiation in Medicine: A Need for Regulatory Reform," prepared by the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine.

NRC contracted with the Academy to develop the report as part of an external review of the agency's program for the regulation of medical uses of nuclear material. The external review was intended to assess the adequacy and appropriateness of the current regulatory framework. The report provides recommendations to Congress, the NRC, the States, and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors.

NRC is currently reviewing and analyzing the report. As part of the initial review, and as indicated in a Federal Register notice published on January 22, NRC seeks comments on the report's possible impact, including any views on policy, legislative, rulemaking, and guidance issues.

Copies of the report may be obtained from the National Academy Press, Office of News and Public Information, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20418, telephone: 202/334-3313 or (toll-free) 800/624-6242.

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