

Licensing and Oversight Lessons Learned

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

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Focusing on Safety While Providing Temporary Flexibility



**10 CFR Part 20 Respiratory
Radiological Protection
Requirements**

[Online Submissions Now Available]



**10 CFR Part 26
Work Hour Requirements**
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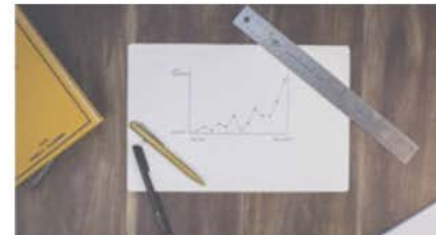
**10 CFR Part 50.48
Fire Brigade Requirements**



**10 CFR Part 55
Operators' Licenses**
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**10 CFR 50.55a
Codes and Standards**
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**10 CFR 50.55a
Owner's Activity Reports**

<https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/covid-19/>

Lessons Learned

- **Focused Leadership**
 - NRR COVID-19 Coordination Team
 - Tiger Team
- **Clarity and Transparency**
 - Exemption Letters & FAQs
 - Public Meetings
 - Public Webpages
- **Enhanced Use of Technology**
 - Online Submittals
 - Dynamic Internal Tracking
- **Process Improvements**
 - Model Letters
 - Compilation Federal Register Notices

Reactor Oversight During COVID-19

- Priority was to protect health and safety of inspectors, site personnel and the community while maintaining risk-informed oversight that supported *reasonable assurance* of adequate protection of public health and safety.
- Inspections were conducted remotely where possible, or rescheduled. Regions had the flexibility to determine site coverage based on the following considerations:
 - The specific health and safety circumstances of individual inspectors and their families, and availability of other inspectors as appropriate.
 - Plant risk configuration (e.g., availability of safety-related SSCs, outage activities, planned maintenance activities).
 - The availability, connectivity and usefulness of remote technologies for inspectors to provide effective oversight of safety and security activities, including plant information (e.g., meetings, corrective action program, or other data).
 - COVID-19 conditions on site (confirmed COVID-19 cases, where and when).
 - The local COVID-19 conditions around the site and the community where the inspectors reside, including directions from local authorities.
- NRR guidance memo, “Updated Implementation of Resident Inspector Site Coverage during COVID-19,” was issued on 4/6/2020 (ML20097E538) .
- IMC 2515, Appendix E, “Inspection Program Modifications During Pandemics, Epidemics, or Other Widespread Illnesses or Diseases,” was issued on 3/27/2020.

Reactor Oversight During COVID-19 (Transition from Mandatory Telework)

- “Inspection Guidance during COVID-19 Transition from Mandatory Telework,” issued on 5/28/2020 (ML20141L766)
 - NRR provided guidance for the regional offices to increase the level of Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) inspection activities as COVID-19 restrictions begin to ease across the country
 - Goal is completion of baseline minimum samples
 - Begin scheduling and implementing team and individual inspections
 - Increase resident inspector on-site presence and inspection activities
 - Leverage telework technology during administrative aspects of the ROP
- Lessons learned / best practices effort has begun to improve inspection program execution in case there is a COVID-19 resurgence.