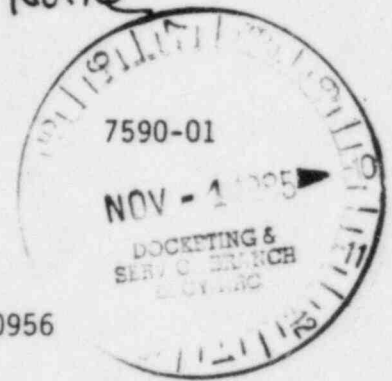


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Extending Public Comment Period for NUREG-0956

NUREG-0956, "Reassessment of the Technical Bases for Estimating Source Terms," was issued as a draft on August 7, 1985 for public comment. Source terms are defined as the quantity, the timing, and the characteristics of a release of fission products from a nuclear power plant following a core-melt accident. The report describes the NRC staff's view of the underlying science, which is being published to get broad feedback before proceeding with related regulatory activities.

The length of the public comment period was 90 days, beginning August 7, 1985 and ending November 7, 1985. The first notice in the Federal Register erroneously stated that the period would be for 60 days, ending on October 7, 1985 (50 FR 31936, Aug. 7, 1985); a correction was issued in the Federal Register (50 FR 36939, Sept. 10, 1985).

The NRC has received a number of comments to date. Some of these have provided an assessment of the technical substance of NUREG-0956, while others have requested an extension of time. Some of the comments noted that this might be the only opportunity to comment on an important policy initiative and expressed concern about the lack of an adequate opportunity to provide such comments. Any use of this source term science in a formal regulatory procedure, for example, in rulemaking or in preparation of a regulatory guide, would provide further opportunities for comment. Nevertheless, NRC will extend the comment period as a matter of agency discretion, although a 90-day comment period is typical for a report of this nature.

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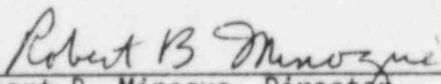
The NRC is thus extending the public comment period 60 days for a total of 150 days. The public comment period ends on January 7, 1986. Comments on draft NUREG-0956 should be sent to the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Single copies of draft NUREG-0956 are available, free of charge, by writing to the Division of Technical Information and Document Control, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

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