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While we continue to encourage Agreement States to adopt a compatible QM-Rule, we will not address the QM-Rule under the IMPEF indicator for regulations until the Part 35 revision becomes effective.

Recommendation # 14

We appreciate your recommendation that NRC adopt the same or similar checklist to evaluate devices used under a general license. We will share this checklist with the appropriate staff.

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