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10 CFR Part 1

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Reorganization of the Office of Governmental and Public Affairs

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations to reflect the Commission's decision to abolish the Office of Governmental and Public Affairs and to reassign its subordinate offices and functions. This final rule is necessary to inform the public of organizational changes within the NRC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The rule will become effective (upon date of publication).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 23, 1991, the Commission announced its decision to abolish the Office of Governmental and Public Affairs and reassign its subordinate offices and functions. In the reorganization, the functions and personnel of the Office of State Programs will be assigned to the Executive Director for Operations and will be aligned as a separate office reporting to the Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Materials Safety, Safeguards, and Operations Support.

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The functions and personnel of the Office of International Programs will be aligned as a separate office reporting to the Commission. The Offices of Congressional Affairs and Public Affairs will continue to report to the Chairman of the Commission.

Because these are amendments dealing with agency practice and procedures, the notice and comment provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act do not apply pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 (b) (A). The amendments are effective upon publication in the Federal Register. Good cause exists to dispense with the usual 30-day delay in the effective date because these amendments are of a minor and administrative nature, dealing with the agency's reorganization.

Environmental Impact: Categorical Exclusion

The NRC has determined that this final rule is the type of action described in categorical exclusion 10 CFR 51.22(c)(2). Therefore, neither an environmental impact statement nor an environmental assessment has been prepared for this final rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

This final rule contains no information collection requirements and therefore is not subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

List of Subjects

10 CFR Part 1

Organization and functions (Government Agencies)

For the reasons set out in the preamble and under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, and 5 U.S.C. 552 and 553, the NRC is adopting the following amendments to 10 CFR Part 1.

PART 1 - STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The authority citation for Part 1 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: Sec. 161, 68 Stat, 948, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2201); sec. 201, 88 Stat, 1242, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5841) * * *.

§ 1.3 [Amended]

2. In § 1.3, in paragraph (a), remove the words "Governmental and".

3. In § 1.11, paragraphs (c) and (d) are revised to read as follows:

§ 1.11 The Commission.

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(c) The following staff units and officials report directly to the Commission: Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Office of the General Counsel, Office of the Secretary, Office of Commission Appellate Adjudication, Office of Licensing Support System Administrator, Office of International Programs, and other committees and boards which are authorized or established specifically by the Act. The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards and the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste also report directly to the Commission.

(d) The Offices of Congressional Affairs and Public Affairs report directly to the Chairman.

4. New §§ 1.27 and 1.28 are added to read as follows:

§ 1.27 Office of Congressional Affairs.

The Office of Congressional Affairs --

(a) Advises the Chairman, the Commission, and NRC staff on all NRC relations with Congress and the views of Congress toward NRC policies, plans and activities;

(b) Maintains liaison with Congressional committees and members of Congress on matters of interest to NRC;

- (c) Serves as primary contact point for all NRC communications with Congress;
- (d) Coordinates NRC internal activities with Congress;
- (e) Plans, develops, and manages NRC's legislative programs; and
- (f) Monitors legislative proposals, bills, and hearings.

§ 1.28 Office of Public Affairs

The Office of Public Affairs --

- (a) Develops policies, programs, and procedures for the Chairman's approval for informing the public of NRC activities;
- (b) Prepares, clears, and disseminates information to the public and the news media concerning NRC policies, programs, and activities;
- (c) Keeps NRC management informed on media coverage of activities of interest to the agency;
- (d) Plans, directs, and coordinates the activities of public information staffs located at Regional Offices;
- (e) Conducts a cooperative program with schools; and
- (f) Carries out assigned activities in the area of consumer affairs.

5. Section 1.29 is revised to read as follows:

§ 1.29 Office of International Programs.

The Office of International Programs --

- (a) Advises the Chairman, the Commission, and NRC staff on international issues;
- (b) Recommends policies concerning nuclear exports and imports, international safeguards, international physical security, nonproliferation matters, and international cooperation and assistance in nuclear safety and radiation protection;
- (c) Plans, develops, and manages international nuclear safety information exchange programs and coordinates international research agreements;
- (d) Obtains, evaluates, and uses pertinent information from other NRC and U.S. Government offices in processing nuclear export and import license applications;

(e) Establishes and maintains working relationships with individual countries and international nuclear organizations, as well as other involved U.S. Government agencies; and

(f) Assures that all international activities carried out by the Commission and staff are well coordinated internally and Government-wide and are consistent with NRC and U.S. policies.

§ 1.31 [Amended]

6. In § 1.31, in paragraph (b), add the words "Office of State Programs," between the words, "Office of Personnel" and "and".

7. Section 1.41 is redesignated as § 1.42 and a new § 1.41 is added to read as follows:

§1.41 Office of State Programs.

The Office of State Programs --

(a) Plans and directs NRC's program of cooperation and liaison with States, local governments, interstate and Indian Tribe organizations; and coordinates liaison with other Federal Agencies;

(b) Participates in formulation of policies involving NRC/State cooperation and liaison;

(c) Develops and directs administrative and contractual programs for coordinating and integrating Federal and State regulatory activities;

(d) Maintains liaison between NRC and State, interstate, regional, Indian Tribe, and quasi-governmental organizations on regulatory matters;

(e) Promotes NRC visibility and performs general liaison with other Federal Agencies, and keeps NRC management informed of significant developments at other Federal Agencies which affect the NRC;

(f) Monitors nuclear-related State legislative activities;

(g) Directs regulatory activities of State Liaison and State Agreement Officers located in Regional Offices;

(h) Participates in policy matters on State Public Utility Commissions (PUCs);

(i) Administers the State Agreements program in a partnership arrangement with the States;

(j) Develops staff policy and procedures and implementation of the State Agreements program under the provisions of Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended;

(k) Provides oversight of program of periodic routine reviews of Agreement State programs to determine their adequacy and compatibility as required by Section 274j of the Act and other periodic reviews that may be performed to maintain a current level of knowledge of the status of the Agreement State programs;

(l) Provides training to the States as provided by Section 274i of the Act and also to NRC staff and staff of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force;

(m) Provides technical assistance to Agreement States;

(n) Maintains an exchange of information with the States;

(o) Conducts negotiations with States expressing an interest in seeking a Section 274b Agreement;

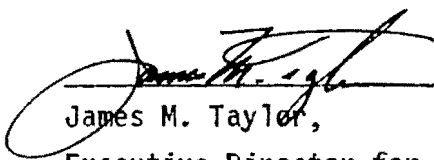
(p) Supports, consistent with Commission directives, State efforts to improve regulatory control for radiation safety over radioactive materials not covered by the Act; and

(q) Serves as the NRC liaison to the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) and coordinates NRC technical support of CRCPD committees.

8. The center heading "Program Offices" is placed between §1.41 and §1.42.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of Jan. 1992

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.


James M. Taylor,
Executive Director for Operations.