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ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN INDIAN
AND ALASKA NATIVE TRIBES

ISSUANCE OF PROPOSED RULE ABOUT NRC REGULATIONS FOR BYPRODUCT
MATERIAL USE (STC-26-030)

Purpose: To inform States and Federally recognized Indian Tribes that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a proposed rule for public comment that would amend regulations relating to the licensing of byproduct material, some source material, and some special nuclear material.

Background: The proposed rule titled “Modernizing NRC Regulations for Byproduct Material Use” would amend regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Parts 19, 20, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 50, 61, 70, 71, and 150. These changes will yield significant efficiencies, reduce regulatory burden, and allow for innovative technologies for licensees, NRC, and Agreement States while upholding our shared commitment to public safety.

Discussion: The *Federal Register notice* “Modernizing NRC Regulations for Byproduct Material Use,” [91 FR 28916](#) (May 18, 2026) requesting public comments on the proposed rule, and draft guidance can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/05/18/2026-09877/modernizing-nrc-regulations-for-byproduct-material-use>. If you wish to provide comments, please send via the method below by midnight, July 02, 2026. Comments may be submitted to the NRC by the following method:

- Federal Rulemaking website: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2025-1205.

Additional documents related to this proposed rule and information about methods for submitting your comments are available in the Federal Register notice and on the Federal rulemaking website at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for Docket ID NRC-2025-1205.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact the individual named below.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Proposed Rule's *Federal Register* notice

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