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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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ALL AGREEMENT STATES AND INDIANA, WEST VIRGINIA
STATE LIAISON OFFICERS

ISSUANCE OF MODERNIZING PACKAGE CERTIFICATION
REQUIREMENTS PROPOSED RULE (STC-26-043)

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 governing the packaging and transportation of radioactive material.

Background: The proposed rule titled, "Modernizing Package Certification Requirements," is responsive to several executive orders and the NRC's mission to enable the safe and secure use of nuclear materials in an efficient and reliable manner. The proposed rule would establish voluntary provisions to provide greater flexibility for applicants by introducing risk-informed methodologies for demonstrating safety requirements and by providing an alternative radiation standard for approval of Type B packages for certain exclusive use shipments. The proposed rule would also streamline application processes for package approval, remove unnecessary requirements, and clarify existing provisions.

Discussion: The *Federal Register* notice "Modernizing Package Certification Requirements," (91 FR 46869) dated July 27, 2026, requesting public comments on the proposed rule can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/07/27/2026-15117/modernizing-package-certification-requirements>. If you wish to provide comments, please send via the method below by midnight, August 26, 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-2025-1667.

The NRC plans to hold a virtual public meeting on the proposed rule on August 5, 2026. The purpose of the meeting is for the NRC staff to meet directly with individuals to discuss regulatory and technical issues. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions to inform the comments they may submit on the rulemaking docket. The public meeting announcement, including meeting details and the webinar link, is available at <https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/pmns>.

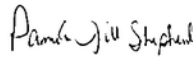
Additional documents related to this proposed rule and information about methods for submitting your comments are available in the *Federal Register* notice and on the Federal rulemaking website at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for Docket ID NRC-2025-1667.

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

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Enclosure:
Proposed Rule's Federal Register notice