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ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE TRIBES

ISSUANCE OF REFORMING AND MODERNIZING THE NRC'S RADIATION
PROTECTION FRAMEWORK PROPOSED RULE (STC-26-041)

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 Reforming and Modernizing the NRC's Radiation Protection Framework.

Background: The proposed rule titled "Reforming and Modernizing the NRC's Radiation Protection Framework" would amend the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations that govern its standards for protection against radiation. These proposed revisions would address section 5(b) of Executive Order 14300, "Ordering the Reform of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission," and would reflect the NRC's experience and other developments in the field of radiation protection since the NRC's last major revisions to these standards in 1991. In addition, the NRC is issuing for public comment draft implementing guidance.

Discussion: The *Federal Register* notice "Reforming and Modernizing the NRC's Radiation Protection Framework," (91 FR 43456) (July 15, 2026) requesting public comments on the proposed rule, and draft guidance can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/07/15/2026-14208/reforming-and-modernizing-the-nrcs-radiation-protection-framework>. If you wish to provide comments, please send via the method below by midnight, August 31, 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-2025-1140.

The NRC plans to hold a virtual public meeting on the proposed rule, tentatively scheduled for August 10, 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. Once confirmed, the public meeting will be posted at <https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/pmns> providing the meeting details and webinar link.

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-2025-1140.

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

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