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ISSUANCE OF PROPOSED RULE: IN SITU RECOVERY MONITORING AND
DECOMMISSIONING TIMELINESS (STC-26-053)

Purpose: To inform States that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a proposed rule for public comment that would amend regulations to address uranium in situ recovery (ISR) facilities and provide schedule flexibility for all of its licensees during decommissioning.

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) proposes to amend its regulations that govern the licensing of uranium mills and the disposition of tailings and waste that arise from the extraction and milling of uranium by issuing risk-informed requirements for groundwater protection at uranium in situ recovery (ISR) facilities. The NRC's current regulations are focused on conventional uranium milling and do not expressly address uranium extraction by the ISR process. Additionally, NRC proposes to amend its regulations that govern decommissioning timeliness for all licensees to provide additional flexibility for licensees to delay the initiation of decommissioning activities in situations where safety would not be impacted.

Discussion: The *Federal Register* notice "In Situ Recovery Monitoring and Decommissioning Timeliness," ([91 FR 57728](#)) was published on September 10, 2026, requesting public comments on the proposed rule and draft guidance. If you wish to provide comments, please send via the method below by 11:59pm, October 13, 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-2025-1204.

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-2025-1204.

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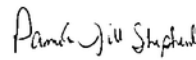
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