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AGENCY:

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

TITLE OF ACTION:

Final Rule, 10 CFR Parts 19, 20, and 50: Occupational

Dose Records, Labeling Containers, and the Total

Effective Dose Equivalent

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Major rule

UPCOMING ACTION:

Publication of final rule in the Federal Register

AGENCY IDENTIFICATION:

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DATE OF ISSUANCE:

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STATUTORY OR

JUDICIAL DEADLINE:

None

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is amending its regulations related to the reporting of annual dose to workers, the definition of *Total Effective Dose Equivalent* (TEDE), the labeling of certain containers holding licensed material, and the determination of cumulative occupational radiation dose. This final rule limits the routine reporting of annual doses to workers to those whose annual dose exceeds a specific dose threshold or who request a report. This final rule also amends the definition of TEDE to be consistent with current Commission policy. This final rule also modifies the labeling requirements for certain containers holding licensed material within posted areas in nuclear power facilities. Finally, this rule removes the requirement that licensees attempt to obtain cumulative exposure records for workers unless these individuals are being authorized to receive a planned special exposure. These revisions reduce the administrative and information collection burdens on NRC and Agreement State licensees without affecting the level of protection to either the health and safety of workers and the public or the environment.

The regulatory analysis shows that this rule will likely result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more.

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