

# Proposed Rules

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### 7 CFR Part 1755

#### Telecommunications Program— Postloan Engineering Service Contract

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On December 27, 1995, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) published a proposed rule to amend its contract for the procurement of postloan engineering services for telecommunications systems. In response to requests from members of the public, RUS is extending the comment period on this regulation.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations must be received by RUS by March 11, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Orren E. Cameron III, Director, Telecommunications Standards Division, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AG Box 1598, 14th and Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1598. RUS requires a signed original and three copies of all comments (7 CFR 1700.30(e)). Comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Orren E. Cameron III, Director, Telecommunications Standards Division, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, room 2835-S, at the above address. Telephone: (202) 720-8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 27, 1995, at 60 FR 66936, the Rural Utilities Service published a proposed rule on 7 CFR Part 1755, Telecommunications Program—Postloan Engineering Service Contract to amend its contract for the procurement of postloan engineering services for telecommunications systems. The proposed rule had a 30-day period for public comments which

ends on January 26, 1996. Because of exceptionally harsh weather and a mid-holiday proposed rule publishing date the public requested more time to prepare responses. To accommodate commenters and improve the quality of the final rule, RUS is extending this public comment period. The new comment period will expire on March 11, 1996.

Dated: February 1, 1996.

Wally Beyer,  
*Administrator.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 35

[Docket No. PRM-35-13]

#### National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists; Receipt of a Petition for Rulemaking

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Petition for rulemaking; Notice of receipt.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received and requests public comment on a petition for rulemaking filed by the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists (NRRPT). The petition has been docketed by the Commission and assigned Docket No. PRM-35-13. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations by including acceptance of NRRPT registration as fulfilling some of the training requirements for a radiation safety officer. The petitioner believes that this amendment would support the objectives of the NRRPT and provide a substantial qualified resource to the medical community throughout the United States.

**DATES:** Submit comments by April 23, 1996. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except to those comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** For a copy of the petition, write: Rules Review Section, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division

of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Submit comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Attention: Docketing and Services Branch.

Deliver comments to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 am and 4:15 pm on Federal workdays.

For information on sending comments by electronic format, see "Electronic Access," under the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael T. Lesar, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: 301-415-7163, or Toll Free: 800-368-5642, or e-mail MTL@NRC.GOV.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background Information

The NRC's training and experience requirements to be a Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) at a medical institution licensed by the NRC are described in 10 CFR Part 35, Subpart J—Training and Experience Requirements, § 35.900, Radiation Safety Officer. Specifically, an applicant must meet the requirements in §§ 35.900(a), 35.900(b) or 35.900(c).

The regulations in § 35.900(a) provide a list of acceptable certification boards (e.g., American Board of Health Physics in Comprehensive Health Physics; American Board of Radiology) for an individual to be qualified to work as an RSO at a medical institution licensed by the NRC.

The NRC regulations in § 35.900(b) are the subject of this petition and are as follows:

"Except as provided in § 35.901, the licensee shall require an individual fulfilling the responsibilities of the Radiation Safety Officer as provided in § 35.32 to be an individual who:

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"(b) Has had classroom and laboratory training and experience as follows:

"(1) 200 hours of classroom and laboratory training that includes:

"(i) Radiation physics and instrumentation;

"(ii) Radiation protection;

"(iii) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity;

"(iv) Radiation biology; and