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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 20

RIN 3150-AF44

#### Reporting Requirements for Unauthorized Use of Licensed Radioactive Material: Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule: Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On January 31, 1996, (61 FR 3334), the NRC published for public comment a proposed rule to add a new requirement for licensees to notify the NRC Operations Center within 24 hours of discovering an intentional or allegedly intentional diversion of licensed radioactive material from its intended or authorized use. The proposed rule would also require licensees to notify the NRC when they are unable, within 48 hours of discovery of the event, to rule out that the use was intentional. The proposed rule would require reporting of events that cause, or have the potential to cause, an exposure of individuals whether or not the exposure exceeds the regulatory limits. The comment period for the proposed rule was to have expired on March 1, 1996. The American College of Nuclear Physicians/Society of Nuclear Medicine (ACNP/SNM) has requested a 60-day extension of the comment period. In addition, a second comment letter from an individual was received requesting that the NRC extend the comment period. The second letter pointed out the one-week after publication time lag involved with obtaining the Federal Register and the additional time lag involved with mailing a comment letter to the NRC. In view of the importance of the proposed rule and the desire to provide an adequate opportunity for public comment while developing a final rule as soon as practicable, the NRC has decided to extend the

comment period for an additional 30 days. The comment period now ends on March 31, 1996.

**DATES:** The comment period has been extended and now expires March 31, 1996. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments or suggestions to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch. Copies of comments received may be examined on the NRC Rulemaking Bulletin Board at FedWorld and the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary L. Thomas, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6230, e-mail MLT1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of February 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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*Executive Director for Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### 10 CFR Part 430

[Docket No. EE-RM-94-220-IF]

RIN 1904-AA61; RIN 1904-AA70

#### Energy Conservation Standards Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Fluorescent and Incandescent Lamps

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice reopening comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On September 28, 1994, the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) published an interim final rule and a proposed rule regarding energy conservation test procedures for fluorescent and incandescent lamps.

Based on the public responses, the Department is considering certain revisions of the interim final rule and proposed rule and seeks public comment on options it is considering. The options involve the following topics: determining the wattage of a fluorescent lamp for purposes deciding whether the energy conservation standards and test procedures apply to it; the confidence limit, "derating factor" and statistical test used in the test procedure sampling plan; definition of colored lamps; determining the rated voltage or rated voltage range of an incandescent lamp for purposes of deciding whether the energy conservation standards and test procedures apply to it; defining rated voltage for testing incandescent lamps; and defining the bulb shapes for elliptical reflector (ER) and bulged reflector (BR) incandescent lamps.

**DATES:** Written comments in response to this notice must be received by the Department by April 15, 1996. The Department requests 10 copies of the written comments and, if possible, a computer disk. (The Department uses WordPerfect.)

There will be a public meeting to gather input on these issues in Washington, D.C., on March 5, 1996. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 2E-069, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments are to be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Ms. Sandy Beall, "Energy Conservation Standards Program for Fluorescent and Incandescent Lamps, Docket No. EE-RM-94-220-IF," EE-431, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-7574; Telefax: (202) 586-4617.

Copies of the transcript of the July 19, 1995 lamp workshop and of the public comments on the interim final rule may be read at the Department of Energy Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-6020, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.