

- (4) Teletherapy;
- (5) High-dose rate remote afterloaders;
- (6) Gamma stereotactic surgery; and
- (7) Emerging technologies.

This list is not viewed as all-inclusive. Additional categories may be developed, depending on the breadth of the areas to be covered, and the similarity of requirements in a given area.

Development of rule text alternatives, including draft guidance documents, would be done using a governmental working group (or groups) and steering group approach. State participants have been identified for both the working and steering groups and will enhance State participation in this process.

The NRC staff plans to solicit public input on the revision to part 35, associated guidance, and the 1979 Medical Policy Statement on an informal and formal basis during the rulemaking process. It is expected that the first version of the draft rule language will be available to the public on the NRC Technical Conference Forum and through the NRC Public Document Room, in August 1997. During the development process, the NRC staff will make drafts publicly available, but will need to cut off consideration of informal public input at a point approximately two to three months before providing the draft proposed rule language and associated draft documents to the Commission for approval. (Currently the draft proposed rule and associated draft documents are scheduled to be provided to the Commission in May 1998.) Public input received after that time would be considered as part of the ongoing interaction process, and as part of the comments received during the formal public comment period on the proposed rule after Commission approval. The NRC staff plans to interact with professional societies on an ongoing basis to solicit input. The NRC staff will conduct facilitated public meetings in the Fall of 1997. These meetings will be used to focus discussion on specific rule text proposals. Discussions would also be held in meetings with the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) and the Organization of Agreement States in the Fall of 1997.

After Commission approval of the proposed rule language and associated documents, the proposed rule and associated draft documents will be published in the **Federal Register** for public comment for 75 days. The NRC staff will also make these documents available on the NRC rulemaking website. The NRC staff plans to hold two public meetings during the formal

comment period to facilitate comment submittal.

Development of the final rule, associated documents, and final guidance will be done using a governmental working group and steering group. The NRC staff will continue to make draft documents available on the NRC Technical Conference Forum, but will not be able to consider further public input on these documents, beginning approximately four months before the submission of the draft documents for Commission approval (currently scheduled for May 1999). The NRC staff plans to discuss the draft final documents with the ACMUI and the Agreement States before submitting them to the Commission.

#### Reference Information

1. Strategic Assessment Direction-Setting Issues Paper Number 7 is available by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attention: NRC Public Document Room, Washington, DC 20555-0001. (Telephone: (202) 634-3273; fax: (202) 634-3343.)

2. The memorandum "Management Review of Existing Medical Use Regulatory Program (COMIS-92-026)" (dated June 16, 1993) is available by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attention: NRC Public Document Room, Washington, DC 20555-0001. (Telephone: (202) 634-3273; fax: (202) 634-3343.)

3. "Radiation in Medicine: A Need for Regulatory Reform" (1996) is available from the National Academy Press at 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Box 285, Washington, DC 20055.

4. Summary minutes and transcripts of the ACMUI April 1997 meeting or transcripts of the May 8, 1997, Commission briefing are available by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attention: NRC Public Document Room, Washington, DC 20555-0001. (Telephone: (202) 634-3273; fax: (202) 634-3343.) Transcripts of the May 8, 1997, briefing are also available by Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov>.

5. The NRC Medical Policy Act Statement of 1979 was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 44, page 8242, on February 9, 1979.

6. SECY-97-115, Program for Revision of 10 CFR part 35, "Medical Uses of Byproduct Material" and Associated **Federal Register** Notice; SECY-97-131, Supplemental Information on SECY-97-131, Supplemental Information on SECY-97-115, "Program for Revision of 10 CFR part 35, 'Medical Uses of Byproduct Material,' and Associated **Federal Register** Notice; and the associated SRM (dated June 30, 1997) are available by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attention: NRC Public Document Room, Washington, DC 20555-0001. (Telephone: (202) 634-3273; fax: (202) 634-3343.)

Copies are also available on the NRC Technical Conference Forum at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/noframe.html>.

Dated at Rockville, MD., this 31st day of July, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**John C. Hoyle,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### 31 CFR Part 27

#### Departmental Offices; Civil Penalty Assessment for Misuse of Department of the Treasury Names, Symbols, Etc.

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to interim regulations.

**SUMMARY:** In the rules and regulations portion of this **Federal Register**, the Department of the Treasury is issuing interim regulations setting forth the procedures by which civil penalties will be imposed for violations of the statutory prohibition against misuse of Department of the Treasury names, symbols, titles, abbreviations, initials, seals, or badges. Section 333(c) of title 31, United States Code authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to impose these civil penalties. The regulations are being promulgated to ensure that persons assessed with a civil penalty under 31 U.S.C. 333(c) are accorded due process. The interim regulations also serve as the text of this notice of proposed rulemaking for final regulations.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before October 6, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Karen Wehner, Senior Advisor, Office of Enforcement, Room 4414, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Wehner, Senior Advisor, Office of Enforcement, 202-622-0300 (not a toll-free call).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The interim regulations in this issue of the **Federal Register** establish 31 CFR part 27. For the text of the interim regulations, see Civil Penalty Assessment for Misuse of Department of the Treasury Names, Symbols, etc., Interim rule, published in the rules and regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

#### Executive Order 12866

It has been determined that this proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action as defined in E.O. 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act**

It is hereby certified that these proposed regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required. This regulation provides due process protections for persons assessed a civil penalty for misusing Department of the Treasury names, symbols, titles, abbreviations, initials, seals, or badges. Furthermore, the imposition of any civil penalty on small businesses flows directly from the underlying statute.

**Public Participation**

The Department of the Treasury requests comments from all interested persons. Comments received on or before the closing date will be carefully considered. Comments received after that date will be given the same consideration if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except as to comments received on or before the closing date.

The Department of the Treasury will not recognize any material in comments as confidential. Comments will be available to the public. Any material which the commenter considers to be confidential or inappropriate for disclosure to the public should not be included in the comment. The name of the person submitting a comment is not exempt from disclosure.

**Drafting Information**

The principal author of this document is Abigail Roth, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Assistant General Counsel (Enforcement). However, other personnel in the Departmental Offices contributed to this document both as to substance and style.

Dated: July 18, 1997.

**Raymond W. Kelly,**

*Under Secretary for Enforcement.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 52**

[WA61-7136, WA64-7139b; FRL-5869-9]

**Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans: Washington**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approves in part several

minor revisions to the state of Washington Implementation Plan (SIP). Pursuant to section 110 (a) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Director of the Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) submitted two requests to EPA dated November 25, 1996 and April 7, 1997 to revise certain regulations of a local air pollution control agency, namely, the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency (PSAPCA). In the final rules Section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by September 5, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Montel Livingston, Environmental Protection Specialist (OAQ-107), Office of Air Quality, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Office of Air Quality, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101. The State of Washington Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Jacobsen, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), EPA, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 553-6917.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 17, 1997.

**Chuck Findley,**

*Acting Regional Administrator.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Parts 141 and 142**

[FRL-5870-9]

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**Withdrawal of the Proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for Radon-222**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of withdrawal of proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) withdrawal of drinking water regulations proposed for radon-222 (56 FR 33050, July 18, 1991). EPA is withdrawing the proposed Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG), Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), monitoring, reporting, and public notification requirements for radon-222 as required by section 1412(b)(13)(A) of Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended. No other provision of the July 18, 1991 proposal is affected by today's action.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sylvia Malm, (202) 260-0417. For information on radon in drinking water and other EPA activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. For information on radon in indoor air, please contact the National Safety Council's National Radon Hotline at 1-800-SOS-RADON.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 18, 1991 (56 FR 33050), EPA proposed a maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG), a maximum contaminant level (MCL), monitoring, reporting, and public notification requirements for radon and a number of other radionuclides in public water supplies (systems serving over 25 individuals or with greater than 15 connections). EPA proposed to regulate radon at 300 pCi/L.

On August 6, 1996, Congress passed amendments to the SDWA. Section 1412(b)(13)(A) of the SDWA, as amended, directs EPA to withdraw the proposed national primary drinking water regulation for radon. With this **Federal Register** document, EPA withdraws the proposed MCLG, MCL, monitoring, reporting, and public notification requirements for radon-222. No other provision of the July 18, 1991 proposal is affected by this action.

Congress has directed EPA to propose an MCLG and National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for