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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Parts 30, 31, 32, 170, and 171

Notice of Availability of Staff Draft Proposed Rule Requirements for Certain Generally Licensed Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The NRC is making available a staff draft rulemaking to amend its regulations governing the use of byproduct material in certain measuring, gauging, or controlling devices. The proposed revision includes the addition of explicit requirements for a registration process that the NRC plans to initiate through an earlier proposed rule. This action would propose to add to the regulations the specific criteria for inclusion in the registration program and details about the information required; it would also add a registration fee. The amendments would also modify the quarterly transfer reporting, recordkeeping, and labeling requirements for specific licensees who distribute certain generally licensed devices and clarify which provisions of the regulations apply to all general licenses for byproduct material. The draft proposed rule is intended to allow the NRC to better track certain general licensees, so that they can be contacted or inspected; to track generally licensed devices so that the devices can be identified even if lost or damaged; and to further ensure that general licensees are aware of and understand the requirements for the possession of devices containing byproduct material. Greater awareness helps to ensure that general licensees will properly handle and dispose of generally licensed devices and reduce the potential for incidents that could result in unnecessary radiation exposure to the public and contamination of property. **DATES:** Comments received on the staff draft by February 5, 1999, will be

considered by the staff prior to Commission review. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so. When the Commission has approved a proposed rule, it will be published in the **Federal Register** for formal public comment.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the staff draft proposed rule can be obtained electronically at the NRC Technical Conference Forum Website under the topic "Staff Draft Proposed Rule for Requirements for Certain Generally Licensed Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material" at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/topics> or from the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555; telephone 202-634-3273; fax 202-634-3343. To view the working paper at the Website, select "Staff Draft Proposed Rule for Requirements for Certain Generally Licensed Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material."

Comments may be posted electronically on the NRC Technical Conference Forum Website mentioned above. Comments submitted electronically can also be viewed at that Website. Comments may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine R. Mattsen, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6264; e-mail crm@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 21st day of December, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 229

[Regulation CC; Docket No. R-1027]

Availability of Funds and Collection of Checks

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is extending the comment period on its proposal to amend Regulation CC to allow banks that consummate a merger on or after July 1, 1998, and before June 1, 1999, greater time to implement software changes related to the merger. The Secretary of the Board, acting pursuant to delegated authority, has extended the comment period from January 4, 1999 to February 1, 1999, to provide additional time for public comment.

DATES: Comments must be received by February 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments, which should refer to Docket No. R-1027, may be mailed to Ms. Jennifer Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551. Comments addressed to Ms. Johnson may also be delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room at all other times. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, N.W. Comments may be inspected in room MP-500, pursuant to § 261.12 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except as provided in § 261.14 of those same Rules. (12 CFR 261.12 and 261.14)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Anderson, Staff Attorney, Legal Division (202/452-3707). For the hearing impaired only, Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), Diane Jenkins (202/452-3544).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 2, 1998, the Board requested comment in response to a notice of proposed rulemaking on amendments to Regulation CC (63 FR 66499). Under the proposal, comments were due by January 4, 1999. In order to allow affected parties additional time to respond to the proposal the Board is extending the comment period to February 1, 1999. This extension will not delay the Board in providing its report to the Congress.

By order of the Secretary of the Board, acting pursuant to delegated authority for the