

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call (202) 682-5691.

Dated: May 14, 1999.

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## NORTHEAST DAIRY COMPACT COMMISSION

### Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Northeast Dairy Compact Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Compact Commission will hold its monthly meeting to consider matters relating to administration and enforcement of the price regulation, including the reports and recommendations of the Commission's standing Committees. The Commission will also hold its deliberative meeting to consider whether to amend the over-order price regulation to establish a supply management program.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Merrimack Hotel and Conference Center, 4 Executive Park Drive, Merrimack, New Hampshire (Exit 11 off the Everett Turnpike).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth M. Becker, Executive Director, Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, 34 Barre Street, Suite 2, Montpelier, VT 05602. Telephone (802) 229-1941.

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**Kenneth M. Becker,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NUREG-1600, Rev. 1]

### Revision of NRC Enforcement Policy

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Policy Statement: Amendment.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its

“General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions” (Enforcement Policy) to conform to the amendments to the regulations that govern operators’ licenses published in the **Federal Register** as a separate action. Those amendments allow nuclear power facility licensees to prepare, proctor, and grade the written examinations and prepare the operating tests that the NRC uses to evaluate the competence of individuals applying for operator licenses at the facility licensees’ plants. Moreover, the amendment requires facility licensees that elect to prepare their own examinations to establish, implement, and maintain procedures to control examination security and integrity, and it clarifies the regulations to ensure that applicants, licensees, and facility licensees understand what it means to compromise the integrity of a required test or examination. Therefore, the Enforcement Policy is being amended to add examples of violations that may be used as guidance in determining the appropriate severity level for violations involving the compromise of applications, tests, and examinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This action is effective May 19, 1999, while comments are being received. Submit comments on or before June 18, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: David Meyer, Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: T6D59, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 am and 4:15 pm, Federal workdays. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001. Copies of NUREG-1600 may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, DC 20402-9328. Copies are also available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161. Copies are also available for inspection and copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Lieberman, Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: (301) 415-2741; e-mail: jxl@nrc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission’s “General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC

Enforcement Actions” (Enforcement Policy) was first issued on September 4, 1980. Since that time, the Enforcement Policy has been revised on a number of occasions. On May 13, 1998 (63 FR 26630), the Enforcement Policy was revised in its entirety and was also published as NUREG-1600, Rev. 1. The Enforcement Policy primarily addresses violations by licensees and certain non-licensed persons, as discussed further in the Enforcement Policy in footnote 3 to Section I, “Introduction and Purpose,” and in Section X, “Enforcement Action Against Non-Licensees.”

By a separate action published in the **Federal Register**, the NRC is amending its regulations in 10 CFR Part 55 to allow nuclear power facility licensees to prepare, proctor, and grade the written examinations and prepare the operating tests that the NRC uses to evaluate the competence of individuals applying for operator licenses at the facility licensees’ plants. Section 107 of the Atomic Energy Act (AEA) of 1954, as amended, requires the NRC to determine the qualifications of individuals applying for operator licenses, to prescribe uniform conditions for licensing such individuals, and to issue licenses as appropriate. Pursuant to the AEA, 10 CFR part 55 requires applicants for operator licenses to pass an examination that satisfies the basic content requirements specified in the regulation. Because the NRC considers the integrity of the licensing tests and examinations to be essential to the safe operation of nuclear facilities, the NRC is also amending 10 CFR 55.49 to clarify that the integrity of a test or examination required by 10 CFR part 55 is considered compromised if any activity, regardless of intent, affected, or but for detection, would have affected the equitable and consistent administration of the test or examination. Moreover, the NRC is amending 10 CFR part 55 to require power reactor facility licensees that elect to prepare their own examinations to establish, implement, and maintain procedures to control examination security and integrity.

The NRC intends to use its enforcement authority to emphasize that a compromise of an application, test, or examination required by 10 CFR part 55 cannot be accepted. Therefore, the NRC is amending the Enforcement Policy by adding examples of violations in Supplement I, “Reactor Operations,” to provide guidance in determining the appropriate severity level for violations involving the compromise of an application, test, or examination used to evaluate the competence of individuals