

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Guidance about Administrative Licensing Procedures

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The NRC is announcing the availability of, and requesting comments on, draft NUREG-1556, Volume 20, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Guidance about Administrative Licensing Procedures," dated July 2000.

The NRC is using Business Process Redesign techniques to redesign its materials licensing process, as described in NUREG-1539, "Methodology and Findings of the NRC's Materials Licensing Process Redesign." A critical element of the new process is consolidating and updating numerous guidance documents into a NUREG-series of reports. This draft NUREG report is the 20th guidance document developed for the new process.

This guidance is intended for use by the NRC staff, and will also be available to Agreement States, applicants, and licensees. This document combines and updates the guidance for NRC license reviewers and licensing assistants previously found in the documents listed in Appendix A of the NUREG. When published in final form, NRC licensing staff will use these administrative procedures to process license applications and prepare licenses. Note that this document is strictly for public comment and is not for use in preparing or reviewing license applications until it is published in final form. It is being distributed for comments to encourage public participation in its development.

DATES: The comment period ends October 3, 2000. Comments received after that time will be considered if practicable.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Hand-deliver

comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to d1m1@nrc.gov.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 20, by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Carrie Brown, Mail Stop TWFN 9-C24, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to cbx@nrc.gov. A copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 20, is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

The Presidential Memorandum dated June 1, 1998, entitled, "Plain Language in Government Writing," directed that the Federal government's writing be in plain language. The NRC requests comments on this licensing guidance NUREG specifically with respect to the clarity and effectiveness of the language used. Comments should be sent to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Mrs. Carrie Brown, TWFN 9-F-C24, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, telephone (301) 415-8092; electronic mail address: cbx@nrc.gov.

Electronic Access

Draft NUREG-1556, Vol. 20 is available electronically by visiting the NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of July, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Well Logging, Tracer, and Field Flood Study Licenses

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of the final NUREG-1556, Volume 14, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Well Logging, Tracer, and Field Flood Study Licenses," dated June 2000. This final NUREG report is the 14th program-specific guidance document developed to support an improved material licensing process. NRC is using Business Process Redesign (BPR) techniques to redesign its material licensing process, as described in NUREG-1539, "Methodology and Findings of the NRC's Materials Licensing Process Redesign." A critical element of the new process is consolidating and updating numerous guidance documents into a NUREG-series of reports.

This final guide has been developed in parallel with the final revision of 10 CFR Part 39, "Energy Compensation Sources for Well Logging and Other Regulatory Clarifications," published as a Final Rule on April 17, 2000 (65 FR 20337). It is intended for use by applicants, licensees, NRC license reviewers, and other NRC personnel.

This final report takes a more risk-informed, performance-based approach to licensing of well logging, tracer, and field flood study operations, and reduces the information (amount and level of detail) needed to support an application to use these devices.

A free single copy of final NUREG-1556, Volume 14, may be requested by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Carrie Brown, Mail Stop TWFN 9-C24, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to cbx@nrc.gov. A copy of final NUREG-1556, Volume 14, is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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Electronic Access

Final NUREG-1556, Vol. 14 is available electronically by visiting NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html>).