

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Consolidated Guidance: 10 CFR Part 20—Standards for Protection Against Radiation

**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-1736, "Consolidated  
 Guidance: 10 CFR Part 20—Standards  
 for Protection Against Radiation," dated  
 September 2000. This document,  
 consolidates numerous guidance  
 documents into a single, comprehensive  
 source. It complements the NUREG-  
 1556 series, "Consolidated Guidance  
 about Materials Licenses." Since Part 20  
 applies to all NRC licensees, in varying  
 degrees, the applicability of this  
 document extends beyond the materials  
 scope of the NUREG-1556 series. This  
 document is intended for use by  
 applicants, all licensees, Part 76  
 certificate holders, NRC license  
 reviewers, inspectors, and other NRC  
 personnel. It combines references to the  
 guidance for applicants and licensees  
 previously found in various Regulatory  
 Guides, NUREG reports, Information  
 Notices, etc.

*Discussion:* Each section within  
 NUREG 1736 provides the following:

- A statement of the requirement  
 (reflecting revisions published in the  
**Federal Register** through October 13,  
 1999);
- A discussion of the requirement;
- A statement of the requirement's  
 applicability;
- A guidance statement;
- A list of existing regulatory  
 guidance (Regulatory Guides, NUREG  
 reports);
- A list of existing implementation  
 guidance (Information Notices, health  
 physics positions, Part 20 questions and  
 answers, etc.).

This document also identifies prior  
 guidance, which is now outdated. For  
 those "Existing Regulatory Guidance  
 Documents" that are designated as  
 "outdated," plans will be underway for  
 withdrawal or revision prior to this  
 document being published in its final

form. Documents in this category are  
 limited to Regulatory Guides.  
 "Implementing Guidance Documents,"  
 or document sections, that are  
 designated as "outdated" are considered  
 historical and are presently not subject  
 to updating or augmenting. This  
 "outdated" guidance is being  
 superceded by the guidance contained  
 within NUREG 1736. Documents in this  
 category include Health Physics  
 Positions (HPPOS), Part 20 Questions  
 and Answers (Q&As), and Circulars.

Note that this document is strictly for  
 public comment. It is not for use in  
 preparing, reviewing, or implementing  
 licenses until it is published in its final  
 form. It is being distributed for  
 comments to encourage public  
 participation in its development. The  
 NRC staff's disposition of public  
 comments will be documented in  
 NUREG 1736 as an appendix once it is  
 published in its final form, and will be  
 made publicly available electronically  
 by visiting the NRC's Home Page ([http://  
 www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html](http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html)).

**DATES:** The comment period ends  
 February 26, 2001. 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](mailto:d1m1@nrc.gov).

Those considering public comment  
 may request a free single copy of draft  
 NUREG-1736, 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 [cxb@nrc.gov](mailto:cxb@nrc.gov). A copy of draft  
 NUREG-1736, 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.

The NRC staff notes the correct title  
 for NUREG 1736 is "Consolidated  
 Guidance : 10 CFR Part 20—Standards  
 for Protection Against Radiation." This  
 will be corrected once this document is  
 issued in its final form.

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### Electronic Access

Draft NUREG-1736 is available  
 electronically by visiting the NRC's  
 Home Page ([http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/  
 nucmat.html](http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html)).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day  
 of November, 2000.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

November 17, 2000.

Notice is hereby given that the  
 following filing(s) has/have been made  
 with the Commission pursuant to  
 provisions of the Act and rules  
 promulgated under the Act. All  
 interested persons are referred to the  
 application(s) and/or declaration(s) for  
 complete statements of the proposed  
 transaction(s) summarized below. The  
 application(s) and/or declaration(s) and  
 any amendment(s) is/are available for  
 public inspection through the  
 Commission's Branch of Public  
 Reference.

Interested persons wishing to  
 comment or request a hearing on the  
 application(s) and/or declaration(s)  
 should submit their views in writing by  
 December 12, 2000, to the Secretary,  
 Securities and Exchange Commission,  
 Washington, D.C. 20549-0609, and  
 serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s)  
 and/or declarant(s) at the address(es)  
 specified below. Proof of service (by  
 affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at  
 law, by certificate) should be filed with  
 the request. Any request for hearing