NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  

[NRC–2012–0057]  

Bioassay at Uranium Mills  

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  

ACTION: Draft regulatory guide; request for comment.  

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG), DG–8051, “Bioassay at Uranium Mills.” This guide describes a bioassay program acceptable to the NRC staff for uranium mills and applicable portions of uranium conversion facilities where the possibility of exposure to yellowcake dust exists, including exposure conditions with and without the use of respiratory protection devices.  

DATES: Submit comments by May 11, 2012. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.  

ADDRESSES: You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, by searching on http://www.regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC–2012–0057. You may submit comments by the following methods:  

• NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The draft regulatory guide is available under ADAMS accession No. ML110960333. The regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under accession No. ML110960341.  

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II. Further Information  

The NRC is issuing for public comment a draft guide in the agency’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC’s regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.  

The draft regulatory guide, entitled, “Bioassay at Uranium Mills,” is temporarily identified by its task number, DG–8051, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG–8051 is proposed Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 8.22, previously revised in August 1988. This guide is being updated to incorporate changes made in 10 CFR Part 20 since Regulatory Guide 8.22, Revision 1 was issued. Comments related to the operation of in-situ recovery mills and associated considerations for bioassay are of particular interest.  

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of March, 2012.  
For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  

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CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

Leon S. Malmud, M.D., will chair the meeting. Dr. Malmud will conduct the meeting in a manner that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. The following procedures apply to public participation in the meeting:

1. Persons who wish to provide a written statement should submit an electronic copy to Ms. Holiday at the contact information listed above. All submittals must be received by April 9, 2012, and must pertain to the topic on the agenda for the meeting.

2. Questions and comments from members of the public will be permitted during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. The draft transcript will be available on ACMUI’s Web site (http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acmui/tr/) or on about May 18, 2012. A meeting summary will be available on ACMUI’s Web site (http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acmui/meeting-summaries/) or on about May 29, 2012.

4. Persons who require special services, such as those for the hearing impaired, should notify Ms. Holiday of their planned attendance.

This meeting will be held in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (primarily Section 161a); the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App); and the Commission’s regulations in Title 10, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 7. Dated: March 7, 2012.

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