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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 61

[NRC-2011-0012]

RIN-3150-AI92

#### Workshop on Performance Assessments of Near-Surface Disposal Facilities: FEPs Analysis, Scenario and Conceptual Model Development, and Code Selection

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) plans to conduct a workshop on performance assessments of near-surface low-level radioactive waste (LLW) disposal facilities. The workshop has been developed to facilitate communication among Federal and State agencies, industry representatives, contractors, and members of the public on three aspects of a performance assessment: (1) Features, Events, and Processes (FEPs) analysis, (2) the development of scenarios and conceptual models, and (3) the selection of computer codes. Information gathered from invited subject matter experts, stakeholders, and other interested members of the public will be used to improve guidance on performance assessments for near-surface disposal of LLW.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on August 29 and August 30, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.) at the NRC Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The NRC welcomes active participation from those attending. Members of the public will be able to participate via telephone and webinar. The telephone and webinar information is provided below.

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Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6755; email: [George.Alexander@nrc.gov](mailto:George.Alexander@nrc.gov); or Tarsha Moon, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6745; email: [Tarsha.Moon@nrc.gov](mailto:Tarsha.Moon@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Accessing Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2011-0012 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publicly-available, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2011-0012. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

- *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](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

- Information related to the workshop will be made available on the NRC's Web site. Information on the Web site will include any updates to the workshop, the final agenda, workshop presentations, and a video recording of the workshop.

##### II. Background

The Commission's licensing requirements for the disposal of LLW in near-surface [approximately the uppermost 30 meters (100 feet)] facilities reside in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 61, "Licensing Requirements for Land Disposal of Radioactive Waste." These

regulations were published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 1982 (47 FR 57446). The regulations emphasize an integrated systems approach to the disposal of commercial LLW, including site selection, disposal facility design and operation, minimum waste form requirements, and disposal facility closure. In connection with demonstrating compliance with 10 CFR Part 61, a performance assessment is used to quantitatively evaluate potential releases into the environment and the resultant radiological doses. NRC guidance for developing performance assessments can be found in NUREG-1573. Currently, the NRC is considering a revision to 10 CFR Part 61.<sup>1</sup>

##### III. NRC Public Meeting

The purpose of this public meeting is to facilitate communication and gather information from Federal and State agencies, industry representatives, contractors, and members of the public concerning performance assessments of near-surface disposal facilities. Stakeholders and other interested members of the public will have an opportunity to pose questions directly to presenters and panelists in each of the sessions. Information gathered in the meeting will be used to improve guidance on performance assessments for near-surface disposal of LLW. The workshop will be organized into four sessions comprising a series of presentations followed by panel discussions of invited subject matter experts. The workshop sessions are as follows:

- Session 1: Performance Assessment Overview: US and International Approaches to Performance Assessment and Experiences with Analyses for LLW
- Session 2: Analysis of FEPs for Near-Surface Disposal Facilities
- Session 3: Scenario and Conceptual Model Development
- Session 4: Code Selection and Implementation, Model Abstraction, and Confidence Building Activities

The public meeting will be held on August 29 and August 30, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.) in the Auditorium on Level P1 at NRC Headquarters, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Pre-registration for this meeting

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/rulemaking/potential-rulemaking/potential-part61-revision.html#initiative>.

is not necessary. Members of the public choosing to participate in this meeting remotely can do so in one of two ways—online, or via a telephone (audio) connection. The webinar and call-in information is provided below:

Date and Time: August 29, 2012 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Telephone Number: 1-888-469-3043.  
Access Code: 23678.

Webinar Address: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/937057065>.

Date and Time: August 30, 2012 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Telephone Number: 1-888-942-8392.  
Access Code: 85687.

Webinar Address: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/156319977>.

Members of the public interested in participating via webinar should follow the registration link above. After registering, instructions for joining the Webinar (including a teleconference number and pass code) will be provided via email. All participants will be in “listen-only” mode during the presentation. Participants will have a chance to pose questions either orally after the presentation or in writing during the Webinar.

The agenda for the public meeting will be noticed no fewer than 10 days prior to the meeting on the NRC’s Public Meeting Schedule Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>.

Questions about participation in the public meetings should be directed to the points of contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of August 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Kevin Hsueh,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Environmental Protection and Performance Assessment Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### 10 CFR Part 430

[Docket No. EERE-2012-STD-0020]

RIN 1904-AC77

#### Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Clothes Washers: Public Meeting and Availability of the Framework Document

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and availability of the framework document.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) issues a framework document to consider whether to amend the energy and water conservation standards for commercial clothes washers. DOE also announces a public meeting to discuss and receive comments on issues that it will address in this rulemaking proceeding. DOE is initiating data collection for considering amended energy and water conservation standards for commercial clothes washers. DOE also encourages written comments on potential amended standards, including comments on the issues identified in the framework document. The framework document, which is intended to inform stakeholders and facilitate the rulemaking process, is available at [http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance\\_standards/commercial/clothes\\_washers.html](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/commercial/clothes_washers.html).

**DATES:** DOE will hold a public meeting on September 24, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Washington, DC. Any person requesting to speak at the public meeting should submit such request along with a signed original and an electronic copy of the statements to be given at the public meeting before 4:00 p.m., September 10, 2012. Written comments are welcome, especially following the public meeting, and should be submitted by October 12, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 8E-089, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Please note that foreign nationals participating in the public meeting are subject to advance security screening procedures. If a foreign national wishes to participate in the public meeting, please inform DOE of this fact as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Brenda Edwards at (202) 586-2945 so that the necessary procedures can be completed.

Stakeholders may submit comments, identified by docket number EERE-2012-STD-0020 and/or Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1904-AC77, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov> Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [CommClothesWashers-2012-STD-0020@ee.doe.gov](mailto:CommClothesWashers-2012-STD-0020@ee.doe.gov) Include docket number EERE-2012-STD-0020 and/or RIN 1904-AC77 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building

Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. If possible, please submit all items on a CD. It is not necessary to include printed copies.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Phone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed paper original. If possible, please submit all items on a CD. It is not necessary to include printed copies.

- *Docket:* The docket is available for review at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include **Federal Register** notices, framework document, notice of proposed rulemaking, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials throughout the rulemaking process. The docket can be accessed by searching for Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-STD-0020 at the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site.

For further information on how to submit or review public comments or view hard copies of the docket in the Resource Room, contact Ms. Brenda Edwards at (202) 586-2945 or email: [Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov).

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Ms. Elizabeth Kohl, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-71, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Phone: (202) 586-7796, email: [elizabeth.kohl@hq.doe.gov](mailto:elizabeth.kohl@hq.doe.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- I. Introduction and Legal Authority
- II. Test Procedures
- III. Energy Conservation Standards

#### **I. Introduction and Legal Authority**

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA) established an energy conservation program for consumer products. (42 U.S.C. 6291-6309) The National Energy Conservation Policy Act of 1978 amended EPCA to add Part C of Title III, which established an energy conservation program for certain industrial equipment. (42 U.S.C. 6311-6317) (Part C was re-designated Part A-1 on codification in the U.S. Code, for editorial reasons.) The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT 2005), Public Law 109-58, further amended