Proposed Rules

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Amendments to Material Control and Accounting Regulations and Proposed Guidance for Fuel Cycle Facility Material Control and Accounting Plans and Completing the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Form 327

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting on proposed rule and proposed guidance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) plans to hold a public meeting on its proposed rule to amend its regulations for material control and accounting (MC&A) of special nuclear material (SNM) and the proposed guidance documents that discuss acceptable methods that licensees may use to prepare and implement their MC&A plans and how the NRC will review and inspect these plans.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on December 10, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time (EST)).

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the NRC’s headquarters, Room T2–B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Members of the public may also participate in the meeting via teleconference or Webinar. Information for the teleconference and Webinar is available in the meeting notice, which can be accessed through the NRC’s public Web site at http://meetings.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to 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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On November 8, 2013 (78 FR 67225; NRC–2009–0096), the NRC published for public comment a proposed rule to amend its regulations for MC&A of SNM. Also on November 8, 2013 (78 FR 67224; NRC–2013–0195), the NRC published for public comment the proposed guidance documents that discuss acceptable methods that licensees may use to prepare and implement their MC&A plans and how the NRC will review and inspect these plans. The public comment period for the proposed rule and the proposed guidance closes on February 18, 2014. The goal of this rulemaking is to revise and consolidate the MC&A requirements in order to update, clarify, and strengthen them. The proposed amendments add new requirements that would apply to NRC licensees who are authorized to possess SNM in a quantity greater than 350 grams.

II. Public Meeting

To facilitate the understanding of the public and other stakeholders of these issues and the submission of comments, the NRC staff plans to hold a public meeting on December 10, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EST), in Rockville, Maryland. The meeting notice can be accessed through the NRC’s public Web site at http://meetings.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg. The final agenda and the meeting materials will be posted no fewer than 10 days prior to the meeting at this Web site.

In addition, members of the public may also participate in the meeting via teleconference or Webinar. Information for the teleconference and Webinar is available in the meeting notice, which can be accessed through the NRC’s public Web site at http://meetings.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg. Participants must register at the Internet link in the meeting notice to participate in the Webinar. To register in advance for the teleconference, please contact Thomas Young at 301–415–5795 (email: Thomas.Young@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of November, 2013.

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