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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52

[NRC-2015-0225]

RIN 3150-AJ68

#### Emergency Preparedness for Small Modular Reactors and Other New Technologies

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule and guidance; request for comment; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On May 12, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued for public comment proposed amendments to its regulations regarding new alternative emergency preparedness requirements for small modular reactors and other new technologies. The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on July 27, 2020. The NRC is extending the public comment period to allow more time for members of the public and other stakeholders to develop and submit their comments.

**DATES:** The comment period for the document published on May 12, 2020 (85 FR 28436) is extended. Comments should be filed no later than September 25, 2020. 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.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0225. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Email comments to:* [Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov](mailto:Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov). If you

do not receive an automatic email reply confirming receipt, then contact us at 301-415-1677.

- *Mail comments to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Beall, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards; telephone: 301-415-3874; email: [Robert.Beall@nrc.gov](mailto:Robert.Beall@nrc.gov) and Eric Schrader, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; telephone: 301-287-3789; email: [Eric.Schrader@nrc.gov](mailto:Eric.Schrader@nrc.gov). Both are staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

###### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0225 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0225.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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).

- *Attention:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

###### B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2015-0225 in your comment submission. The

NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS.

The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

## II. Discussion

On June 24, 2020, the NRC received three emails (ADAMS Accession Numbers ML20177A319, ML20177A320, and ML20177A318) requesting the comment period for the proposed rule be extended by an additional 6 months. Two requestors state that due to the complexity of the rulemaking and the number of related documents that need to be reviewed, additional time is needed to submit comments. The third requestor states that due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, this is not the time to ask communities, emergency response leaders, and disaster readiness personnel to be commenting on a proposed rule.

The NRC seeks to ensure the public and other stakeholders have a reasonable opportunity to provide the NRC with comments on this proposed action. The NRC acknowledges that the rulemaking documents contain a significant amount of information. Accordingly, the NRC has decided to extend the comment period for the proposed rule for an additional 60 days. A 60-day extension provides a reasonable opportunity for all stakeholders to review these documents and to develop informed comments on these documents.

The NRC is extending the public comment period for the proposed rule until September 25, 2020, to allow more time for members of the public and

other stakeholders to submit their comments.

Dated July 16, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Annette L. Vietti-Cook,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### 10 CFR Part 431

[EERE-2019-BT-TP-0025]

RIN 1904-AE55

#### Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Commercial Prerinse Spray Valves

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

**ACTION:** Reopening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) is reopening the public comment period for its Request for Information (“RFI”) regarding test procedures for commercial prerinse spray valves. DOE published the RFI in the **Federal Register** on June 5, 2020, establishing a 30-day public comment period that ended on July 6, 2020. On June 25, 2020, DOE received a comment requesting extension of the comment period by 30 days. DOE is reopening the public comment period for submitting comments for an additional 30 days.

**DATES:** The comment period for the RFI published on June 5, 2020 (85 FR 34541), is re-opened. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this RFI received no later than August 20, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments, identified by docket number EERE-2019-BT-TP-0025, by any of the following methods:

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

*Email:* [CPSV2019TP0025@ee.doe.gov](mailto:CPSV2019TP0025@ee.doe.gov). Include the docket number EERE-2019-BT-TP-0025 and/or RIN 1904-AE55 in the subject line of the message. Submit electronic comments in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or ASCII file format, and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption.

*Postal Mail:* Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building

Technologies Office, Mailstop EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (“CD”), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

*Hand Delivery/Courier:* Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, 950 L’Enfant Plaza SW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 287-1445. If possible, please submit all items on a CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

No telefacsimilies (faxes) will be accepted.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents, or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=EERE-2019-BT-TP-0025>.

The docket, which includes **Federal Register** notices, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials, is available for review at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. However, some documents listed in the index may not be publicly available, such as those containing information that is exempt from public disclosure.

The docket web page can be found at: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=EERE-2019-BT-TP-0025>. The docket web page contains instructions on how to access all documents, including public comments, in the docket.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Bryan Berringer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Office, EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-0371. Email: [ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov](mailto:ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov).

Ms. Kathryn McIntosh, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-33, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2002. Email: [Kathryn.McIntosh@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Kathryn.McIntosh@hq.doe.gov).

For further information on how to submit a comment or review other public comments and the docket contact the Appliance and Equipment Standards Program staff at (202) 287-1445 or by email: [ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov](mailto:ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 5, 2020, DOE published a RFI in the **Federal Register** soliciting public comment on its test procedures for commercial prerinse spray valves. 85 FR 34541. Comments were originally due on July 6, 2020. On June 25, 2020, DOE received a comment from Plumbing Manufacturers International (“PMI”) requesting extension of the comment period by 30 days due to the need for more detailed feedback from its members to inform PMI’s comments.<sup>1</sup> PMI stated that feedback has been difficult to obtain due to the current pandemic and related business impacts and priorities. DOE has reviewed the request and considered the benefit to stakeholders in providing additional time to review the RFI and gather information/data that DOE is seeking. Accordingly, DOE has determined that a re-opening of the comment period is appropriate, and will accept comments until August 20, 2020. DOE will consider any comments received from July 6, 2020 through the end of the comment period to be timely submitted. DOE feels that the additional time provided is adequate for stakeholders to respond to the RFI.

#### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on July 7, 2020, by Alexander N. Fitzsimmons, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 8, 2020.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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<sup>1</sup> DOE has posted this comment to the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EERE-2019-BT-TP-0025-0002>.