Proposed Rules

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 53
[NRC–2019–0062]
RIN 3150–AK31

Risk-Informed, Technology-Inclusive Regulatory Framework for Advanced Reactors

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Availability of preliminary proposed rule language; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is developing new requirements for the licensing and regulation of advanced nuclear reactors and is seeking public input. The new rulemaking would adopt technology-inclusive approaches and include the appropriate use of risk-informed and performance-based techniques, to provide the necessary flexibility for licensing and regulating a variety of advanced nuclear reactor technologies and designs. The NRC is periodically making available for comment preliminary proposed rule language for a risk-informed, technology-inclusive framework that will be added to NRC’s regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations.

DATES: Submit comments by November 5, 2021. Comments received after this date will be considered in the development of the proposed rule if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on preliminary rule language by any of the following methods:

• Federal Rulemaking Website: Go to https://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC–2019–0062. Address questions about NRC docks to Dawn Forder; telephone: 301–415–3407; email: Dawn.Forder@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. If you do not receive an automatic email reply confirming receipt, then contact us at 301–415–1677.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2019–0062 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:


• NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and 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. The ADAMS accession number for the preliminary proposed rule text is ML20289A534.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2019–0062 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. Background

On January 14, 2019, the President signed the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA) into law (Pub. L. 115 439). NEIMA directs the NRC to develop the regulatory infrastructure to support the development and commercialization of advanced nuclear reactors. The current application and licensing requirements, developed for large light-water and non-power reactors as outlined in part 50 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities,” and 10 CFR part 52, “Licenses, Certifications and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants,” do not fully consider the variety of designs for advanced nuclear reactors and may require extensive use of the exemption process for regulations that include prescriptive requirements specific to light-water reactors. Through this rulemaking, the NRC is proposing to amend the regulations by creating an alternative regulatory framework for licensing advanced nuclear reactors.

III. Discussion

The NRC is developing preliminary proposed rule language for the purpose of adding a new, alternative part to its regulations that will set out a risk-informed, technology-inclusive framework for the licensing and regulation of advanced nuclear reactors. This new approach would: (1) Continue to provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety and the common defense and security, (2) promote regulatory stability, predictability, and clarity, (3) reduce requests for exemptions from the current requirements in 10 CFR parts 50 and 52, (4) establish new requirements to address non-light-water reactor technologies, (5) recognize technological
advancements in reactor design, and (6) credit the response of advanced nuclear reactors to postulated accidents, including slower transient response times and relatively small and slow release of fission products. The proposed rule would add 10 CFR part 53, “Licensing and Regulation of Advanced Nuclear Reactors.”

The NRC will periodically make available portions of preliminary proposed rule language on the federal rulemaking website at http://www.regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC–2019–0062. This preliminary proposed rule language is draft and may be incomplete in one or more respects; however, the NRC welcomes diverse stakeholder feedback to inform the proposed rulemaking activity.

Various sections of the 10 CFR part 53 preliminary proposed rule language will be released to stakeholders during the development of the proposed rule. The public will be provided with opportunities to comment on the preliminary proposed rule language before or during public meetings and on a rolling basis throughout the 12-month public comment period. The NRC plans to hold public meetings every 4 to 6 weeks over the next 12 months. The meetings will be noticed in the NRC’s Public Meeting Notice System at least 10 days in advance of the scheduled meeting. Preliminary proposed rule language is being provided to increase transparency and to facilitate discussions with stakeholders on the licensing process for advanced nuclear reactors. The NRC will post new and revised updates to the preliminary proposed rule language periodically on the Federal rulemaking website at www.regulations.gov that may be of interest to stakeholders. The NRC will not issue a Federal Register notice each time preliminary proposed rule language is added to the docket. Please monitor the docket on www.regulations.gov and use the following information to sign up for docket alerts.

The NRC may post materials related to this rulemaking, including public comments received, on the Federal Rulemaking website at https://www.regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC–2019–0062. The Federal Rulemaking website allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe: (1) Navigate to the docket folder (NRC–2019–0062); (2) click the “Sign up for Email Alerts” link; and (3) enter your email address and select how frequently you would like to receive emails (daily, weekly, or monthly).


For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

12 CFR Chapter X

[Docket No. CFPB–2020–0034]

RIN 3170–AA78

Consumer Access to Financial Records

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Section 1033 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) provides, among other things, that subject to rules prescribed by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau), a consumer financial services provider must make available to a consumer information in the control or possession of the provider concerning the consumer financial product or service that the consumer obtained from the provider. The Bureau is issuing this Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) to solicit comments and information to assist the Bureau in developing regulations to implement section 1033.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CFPB–2020–0034 or RIN 3170–AA78, by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
• Email: 2020–ANPR–1033@cfpb.gov. Include Docket No. CFPB–2020–0034 or RIN 3170–AA78 in the subject line of the message.
• Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Comment Intake—Section 1033 ANPR, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.

Instructions: The Bureau encourages the early submission of comments. All submissions should include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this rulemaking. Because paper mail in the Washington, DC area and at the Bureau is subject to delay, and in light of difficulties associated with mail and hand deliveries during the COVID–19 pandemic, commenters are encouraged to submit comments electronically. In general, all comments received will be posted without change to https://www.regulations.gov. In addition, once the Bureau’s headquarters reopens, comments will be available for public inspection and copying at 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time. At that time, you can make an appointment to inspect the documents by telephoning 202–435–9169.

All comments, including attachments and other supporting materials, will become part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Proprietary information or sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, or names of other individuals, should not be included. Comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Stein, Office of Consumer Credit, Payments, and Deposits Markets at 202–435–7700; or Will Wade-Gery, Office of Innovation, at officeofinnovation@cfpb.gov or 202–435–7700. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB Accessibility@cfpb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau is issuing this ANPR to solicit comments and information to assist the Bureau in developing regulations to implement section 1033 of the Dodd-Frank Act (section 1033), which provides for consumer access to financial records. The Bureau is issuing this ANPR to solicit stakeholder input on ways that the Bureau might effectively and efficiently implement the financial record access rights described in Section 1033, recognizing that various market participants have helped authorized data access become more secure, effective, and subject to consumer control. While the Bureau expects these trends to continue, there are indications that some emerging market practices may not reflect the access rights described in section 1033. The Bureau is also seeking information regarding the possible scope of data that might be made subject to protected access, as well as information that might bear on other terms of access, such as those relating to security, privacy, effective consumer control over access and accessed data, and accountability for data errors and unauthorized access. The Bureau is also interested in