

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Chapter I

[NRC-2020-0065]

Transfer of Very Low-Level Waste to Exempt Persons for Disposal

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed interpretive rule; additional method to provide comments.

SUMMARY: On April 9, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) extended the comment period on a proposed interpretation of its low-level radioactive waste disposal regulations that would permit licensees to dispose of waste by transfer to persons who hold specific exemptions for the purpose of disposal. The public comment period now closes on July 20, 2020. The NRC has decided to provide an additional method for members of the public to submit their comments via an e-mail address established for this purpose.

DATES: The due date of comments requested in the document published on March 6, 2020 (85 FR 13076) ends on July 20, 2020. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received before this date. The NRC staff will continue to monitor the current public health emergency to determine if an additional extension may be warranted.

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

- **Federal Rulemaking Web site:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2020-0065**. Address questions about NRC docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; e-mail:

Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

- **Mail comments to:** Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.
- **Email comments to:** VLLWTransferComments.Resource@nrc.gov. This e-mail account will be available to accept public comments on the proposed interpretive rule until the close of the comment period, July 20, 2020.

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: Marlayna Doell, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3178; e-mail: Marlayna.Doell@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2020-0065** 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 Web site:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2020-0065**.
- **NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Document 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 e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID **NRC-2020-0065** 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 March 6, 2020, the NRC solicited comments on a proposed interpretation of its low-level radioactive waste disposal regulations that would permit licensees to dispose of waste by transfer to persons who hold specific exemptions for the purpose of disposal. The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on April 20, 2020, but has been extended to July 20, 2020. The NRC has decided to provide an additional method for members of the public to submit their comments via an e-mail address (VLLWTransferComments.Resource@nrc.gov) established for this purpose. All other options for submitting comments discussed in this notice remain available; comments received via e-mail will be aggregated with comments already received via other methods, as well as any future comments.

Dated: April 24, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Patricia K. Holahan, Director,
Division of Decommissioning, Uranium
Recovery, and Waste Programs
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and
Safeguards.

SUBJECT: FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE PROVIDING A COMMENT EMAIL FOR
THE PROPOSED INTERPRETIVE RULE FOR DISPOSAL OF
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE **DATE: April 24, 2020.**

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