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SUBJECT: FINAL RULE TO EXTEND THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR REVISED
"STANDARDS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION," 10 CFR PART 20

The enclosed final rule entitled "Standards for Protection Against Radiation; Extension of Implementation Date," has been approved by the Commission on August 14, 1992, for publication in the Federal Register (SECY-92-266). Please send a copy of the published rule to Cheryl Trottier, RES when received.

AS/

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Enclosures:

1. Final Rule
2. Commission vote w/markup
3. Congressional letters
4. Public announcement

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10 CFR Parts 19 and 20

RIN 315C-AE21

Standards for Protection Against Radiation; Extension of Implementation Date

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is extending the implementation date for its revised standards for protection against radiation (10 CFR 20.1001-20.2401 and the accompanying appendices) and making a conforming change to 10 CFR Part 19. This rule extends the date by which NRC licensees are required to implement the revised standards for protection against radiation to January 1, 1994. The 1-year extension provides licensees additional time to examine and implement the regulatory guidance developed to support the rule. It also establishes a concurrent implementation date for NRC licensees and Agreement State licensees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: (30 days after publication in the Federal Register).

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NRC EXTENDS DATE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH REVISED RADIATION PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is extending from January 1, 1993, to January 1, 1994, the date by which licensees must comply with revised radiation protection requirements.

The new requirements, which are contained primarily in Part 20 of the Commission's regulations, were approved by the Commission on December 13, 1990, published in the Federal Register on May 21, 1991, and became effective on June 20, 1991. Compliance with the revised requirements was optional beginning on the June 20 effective date and will now be mandatory on January 1, 1994.

The revisions will provide a substantial increase in the overall protection of public health and safety. However, in approving the proposed extension of time for compliance, the Commission noted that current practices, such as conducting operations to keep radiation exposures as low as is reasonably achievable, generally have kept radiation exposures well below the limits in the current regulations.

Delaying the required implementation date until 1994 will give licensees additional time to examine and implement the regulatory guidance that has been developed to support the rule. It will also establish a concurrent implementation date for NRC and Agreement State licensees. ("Agreement States" are the 29 states that regulate certain radioactive material users under agreement with the NRC. NRC had previously asked the Agreement States to proceed as quickly as possible to conform to the revised requirements, and to require their licensees to comply by January 1, 1994.)

A proposed rule on this subject was published in the Federal Register for public comment on May 19, 1992. No substantive changes have been made as a result of the comments received.