

The current NRC schedule is based on the most recent EPA schedule that was provided by EPA staff on February 25, 1983. The NRC staff schedule also is based on the assumption that EPA will meet the September 30, 1983 date mandated by the Authorization Act for publication of its final standards. If EPA fails to publish the final Title II standards by September 30, 1983, the Authorization Act provides that the authority of EPA to promulgate such standards shall terminate and the Commission may take actions which it deems necessary to carry out its responsibility in the conduct of licensing activities, including the promulgation of standards of general application.

You will note that the date on the attached schedule for providing staff comments to the Commission is now April 27, 1983 rather than the SECY date of March 31, 1983. This change is necessitated by the delay of EPA in publishing the proposed Title II standards.

(Signed William J. Dirck)

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Enclosure: As stated

cc: Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Ahearne
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Asselstine
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MAJOR MILESTONES FOR REVISING NRC MILL TAILINGS
REGULATIONS TO CONFORM WITH EPA STANDARDS

<u>Action</u>	<u>Milestones</u>	
	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Date</u>
EPA publishes proposed Title II standard.		4/4/83*
Staff recommendation to Commission for <u>Federal Register</u> Notice for public comment on proposed suspension of selected portions, if any, of present regulations.	10 days	4/14/83
Commission action on proposed suspension.	4 days	4/18/83
Publication of <u>Federal Register</u> Notice on proposed suspension.	4 days	4/22/83
Staff comments (coordinated with OGC) to the Commission on EPA proposed standards.	5 days	4/27/83
NRC comments to EPA on proposed standards.	7 days	5/4/83
End of 30 day comment period on proposed suspension.	19 days	5/23/83
Staff recommendation to Commission for <u>Federal Register</u> Notice on final suspension of selected portions, if any, of present regulations.	28 days	6/20/83
Commission action on final suspension.	7 days	6/27/83
Submit <u>Federal Register</u> Notice on final suspension to Office of the Federal Register to meet the 90 day requirement as <u>mandated by the Authorization Act</u> .	4 days	7/1/83
Staff analysis of NRC GEIS in light of suspended requirements and changes necessary to conform to EPA proposed standards to determine if further environmental review is needed.		

* Date from most recent EPA schedule. Other milestone dates are dependent on EPA publication of proposed Title II standards. NRC schedule will be adjusted depending on actual date of publication by EPA.

<u>Action</u>	Milestones	
	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Date</u>
EPA promulgates final Title II standards.		9/30/83**
Commission action on substantive changes required to conform present regulations to EPA final Title II standards to meet the 6 month requirement as <u>mandated by the Authorization Act</u>	6 months	3/31/84

** This date is mandated by the Authorization Act. If EPA fails to act by this date the authority of EPA to promulgate these standards shall terminate.