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NOTICE OF EXTENSION TO PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: PROPOSED RULE FOR  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR SMALL MODULAR REACTORS AND OTHER NEW  
TECHNOLOGIES (STC-20-056)

**Purpose:** To provide notice that the comment period for the "Proposed Rule for Emergency Preparedness for Small Modular Reactors and Other New Technologies" has been extended until September 25, 2020.

**Background:** On May 12, 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published the proposed rule, "Emergency Preparedness for Small Modular Reactors and Other New Technologies" (85 FR 28436). On May 13, 2020, the NRC provided a copy of the Federal Register Notice (FRN) for the proposed rule with STC-20-041, "Notice of Request for Comment: Proposed Rule for Emergency Preparedness for Small Modular Reactors and Other New Technologies" (Agencywide Documents Access Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML20066K668). On June 9, 2020, the NRC provided a copy of an FRN correcting the definition "Non-power production or utilization facility" in the proposed rule with STC-20-043, "Notice of Correction to Request for Comment Notice: Proposed Rule for Emergency Preparedness for Small Modular Reactors and Other New Technologies and Change to Public Meeting Date" (ADAMS Accession No. ML20149K609). On July 21, 2020, the NRC published an FRN extending the comment period until September 25, 2020.

**Discussion:** Enclosed with this letter is the FRN announcing the comment period has been extended until September 25, 2020. This FRN, published on July 21, 2020, describes how to submit comments and can be accessed at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-07-21/pdf/2020-15731.pdf>. This and the other FRNs described in the Background section have been posted on the Federal e-rulemaking portal <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. NRC-2015-0225. The original FRN for the proposed rule can be accessed at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-12/pdf/2020-09666.pdf>.

This rulemaking would add a new subpart (Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 50.160, "Emergency preparedness for small modular reactors, non-light-water reactors, and non-power production or utilization facilities") to the regulations that provide for alternate emergency preparedness requirements for small modular reactors (SMR) and certain non-power production or utilization facilities (e.g., medical isotope production facilities licensed under the regulations at 10 CFR Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities").

If you have any questions regarding the emergency preparedness for SMRs and other new technologies rulemaking or this correspondence, please contact the individual named below:

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