

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**10 CFR Parts 20, 32 and 35**

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Medical Use of Byproduct Material; Proposed Revision, Reopening of Public Comment Period**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On August 13, 1998, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published for public comment a proposed rule to revise its regulations governing the medical use of byproduct material (63 FR 43516). The comment period for the proposed rule expired on November 12, 1998. A number of comments noted that the original 90-day comment period was too short to review, thoroughly understand, and comment on the proposed changes in the regulations that govern the use of byproduct material. In response to those comments and to ensure that all of the parties affected by the proposed changes have an opportunity to provide comments, the Commission has decided to reopen the comment period.

DATES: The comment period has been reopened and will now expire on December 16, 1998. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is only able to ensure consideration of comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: *Comments may be sent to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

Deliver comments to: One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm on Federal workdays.

Copies of comments received may be examined at: NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). From the home page, select "Rulemaking" from the tool

bar. The interactive rulemaking website can then be accessed by selecting "Rulemaking Forum" and then "News, Information, and Contacts for Current Rulemakings." This site provides the ability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking web site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of November 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John C. Hoyle,*Secretary of the Commission.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**10 CFR Chapter 1****Medical Use of Byproduct Material; Draft Policy Statement, Reopening of Public Comment Period****AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Draft policy statement; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On August 13, 1998, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published for public comment a proposed revision of its 1979 policy statement on the medical use of byproduct material (63 FR 43580). The comment period for the proposed revision of the policy statement expired on November 13, 1998. A number of comments noted that the original 90-day comment period was too short to review, thoroughly understand, and comment on the proposed changes in the policy statement. In response to those comments and to ensure that all of the parties affected by the proposed

changes have an opportunity to provide comments, the Commission has decided to reopen the comment period.

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