



RULEMAKING ISSUE

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FOR: The Commissioners

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SUBJECT: DRAFT RULEMAKING PLAN: MATERIAL CONTROL AND
ACCOUNTING AMENDMENTS

PURPOSE:

To inform the Commission of the staff's Rulemaking Plan for amending certain sections in 10 CFR Parts 51, 70, 72, and 74, with conforming changes to other parts, regarding material control and accounting (MC&A) requirements.

BACKGROUND:

A task force comprised of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards staff conducted a review of the nuclear material reporting requirements in place for licensees. The task force recommended changes that require amending the regulations. This includes modification of the submittal time for Material Balance Reports (MBRs) to coincide with the time of a facility's physical inventory. The recommended changes would reduce the unnecessary regulatory burden on industry by changing certain reporting requirements.

In addition, in 1982 the staff initiated an effort to move the MC&A requirements from Part 70 to Part 74 and to make the requirements more performance-based. The requirements for Categories I and III facilities have been moved to Part 74. The requirements for Category II facilities and the general MC&A requirements are still located in Part 70. This rulemaking would also result in the consolidation of the domestic MC&A requirements into Part 74 by relocating the general MC&A requirements and the requirements for Category II facilities into Part 74. The requirements for Category II facilities would also be converted to performance-oriented requirements.

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No objection
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