

NRC SPECIAL EDITION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – REPORTING OF INVENTORY ADJUSTMENTS

The January/February issue of the NMMSS News has an article entitled “NRC Proposed Rule Published”. That article noted that on February 6, 2007, the NRC published a proposed rule in the Federal Register that contained some changes to NRC regulations involving reporting to NMMSS. The article also had the electronic link to the proposed rule.

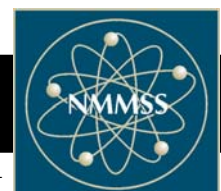
On March 9, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission added a “Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)” to the proposed rule. The FAQ is associated with the proposed Nuclear Material Management and Safeguards System (NMMSS) rulemaking. Following is a copy of what is posted:

Question: As part of the proposed NMMSS rulemaking, NRC is proposing to add to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 74, Section 74.15(a), a reporting requirement for licensees to submit a material transaction report when the inventory of special nuclear material (SNM) is adjusted in a quantity of one gram or more. Licensee staff has asked if it is the intent of the NRC for a licensee to report all inventory adjustments when they occur. For example, when a reactor is operating, does the NRC want the reactor operator to report on a daily basis the quantity of uranium that is consumed and the quantity of plutonium produced?

Answer: A licensee could choose regular submittals (i.e. daily) to report inventory adjustments. However, the NRC would expect that a licensee, at a minimum, report all inventory adjustments no later than when the licensee reports their physical inventory results to NMMSS (i.e. 12 months for power reactors). Without regular reporting of these adjustments, NMMSS values will not closely track licensee inventories or be easily reconciled with submitted inventory values.

The electronic link to this FAQ is as follows: http://ruleforum.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/library?source=*&library=nmmss_lib&file=*&st=prule.

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DATES FINALIZED FOR UPCOMING NMMSS TRAINING COURSE FOR NRC LICENSEES

The next licensee NMMSS-1 training course is scheduled for April 24-26, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia. The course will include the following topics among others:

Completion of data input forms: transaction, material balance, inventory, and concise notes
Demonstration of the use of SAMS in creating electronic data submissions
Options for sending data to NMMSS electronically.

The desired class size is 20 or less. You may register for the class and obtain a course syllabus by contacting Ron Bonifay at 678-328-1116 or by email at rbonifay@nacintl.com. Be sure to include your name, job title, facility name, address, telephone number, and email address. Note, there is no cost for this course.

