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As part of the Pre-Users meeting to the 2008 NMMSS Users Annual Training Meeting, Tom Grice of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) made a presentation on the “Additional Protocol” treaty and its likely impact on industry. A copy of Tom’s presentation is located on the NMMSS website at http://www.nmmss.com/pdfs/Annual_Users_Meeting/2008_NMMSS_Users_Training_Meeting/Presentations/Grice.pdf

The NRC is revising 10 CFR Parts 75 and 110 to incorporate the requirements for information collection and complementary access as required by the Additional Protocol. Since the NRC has no discretion with regards to collecting the information or ensuring that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is provided the required access, the revisions to 10 CFR Parts 75 and 110 will be issued as a final rule and will not be submitted for public comment. The NRC anticipates issuing its final rule in late September or early October of this year.

On July 25, 2008 the Department of Commerce (DOC), Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published the Proposed Rule for the DOC Additional Protocol Regulations. This proposed rule addresses the joint DOC/NRC Additional Protocol Reporting System, and the joint DOC/NRC handbooks identify the specific forms that must be included in each type of report package, provide guidance on how to complete the forms and provide directions for submission of the required forms to BIS. (Note: Information submitted by NRC and Agreement State licensees will be submitted to the NRC through the BIS.)

Public comment is sought regarding: Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DOC/BIS has asked that the information on the publication of the DOC/BIS’s draft rule and the opportunity for public comment be shared with the NMMSS user community.

The DOC/BIS Federal Register publication of the draft proposed rule to implement the “Additional Protocol” is located at the following link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-16815.pdf>

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