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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ENFORCEMENT POLICY REVISIONS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment on a proposed major revision to its Enforcement Policy which will more appropriately address NRC-regulated activities and reflect current and future agency work.

The Enforcement Policy proposes to include fines related to the Yucca Mountain high-level waste repository and gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facilities, and modify fines for uranium conversion facilities. It also adds discussion of enforcement issues associated with combined licenses for the proposed new reactors and the construction phase of proposed fuel facilities as well as recently publicized requirements in the safeguards and security area.

The NRC's Enforcement Policy sets out guidance for potential penalties and actions in response to apparent violations of NRC requirements. It encourages prompt identification and comprehensive correction of violations.

The draft will soon be available on the NRC's Web site at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html ADAMS ML082520457. The NRC welcomes public comments from interested parties including public interest groups, states, members of the public and the regulated industry on the proposed Policy for 60 days from publication of a "Notice of Availability" in the *Federal Register*, expected shortly.

Comments may be submitted by either accessing the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov and with docket ID: NRC-2008-0497 or by mailing comments to Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Mail Stop T6-D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001.

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