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NRC SEEKS COMMENT ON PROPOSAL TO SET REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURITY CHECKS ON STAFF AT RESEARCH REACTORS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment on a proposal to draft a rule formalizing requirements for U.S. research and test reactors (RTR) to perform fingerprint-based background checks on staff with unescorted access to their facilities.

The proposal would implement requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, making permanent measures now imposed by NRC Orders issued in 2007. RTR licensees must ensure people allowed unescorted access to the facilities, or people requesting such access, are fingerprinted and undergo a criminal history check by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The proposal would draft a rule requiring any current or future RTR licensee to ensure that individuals granted unescorted access to risk-significant areas and risk-significant materials at the facilities are subject to an FBI fingerprint-based criminal history record check or an acceptable alternative.

The Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the proposal may be viewed and downloaded via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The NRC will hold a public meeting on the proposal in the near future. For more information on the proposal, please contact Harry Tovmassian at 301-415-3092 or via e-mail at harry.tovmassian@nrc.gov; or Linh Tran at 301-415-4103 or via e-mail at linh.tran@nrc.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted by June 15. Comments can be mailed to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff. Comments can be e-mailed to Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov. If you fail to receive an e-mail reply confirming that we have received your comments, please call (301) 415-1677. Comments can also be submitted online at the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments can be hand-delivered to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays, or faxed to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, at (301) 415-1101. Please include **RIN 3150 AI25** in the subject line.

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