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## NRC REVISES AGENCY'S ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has published a major revision to the agency's Enforcement Policy, which contains policy and procedures the agency follows to respond to apparent violations of NRC requirements.

The revisions, published today in the *Federal Register*, represent the first major revision to the Enforcement Policy since 1995. The policy has been updated since that time to reflect the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process and the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution. The current revision will ensure the Enforcement Policy closely parallels agency practice, and will incorporate enforcement issues associated with combined licenses for proposed new reactors, the construction phase of proposed fuel facilities, and new requirements related to safeguards and security.

"The NRC's Enforcement Policy is a crucial tool in our mission to protect public health and safety, the common defense and security, and the environment," said NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko. "It emphasizes the importance of compliance with NRC regulatory requirements, as well as the prompt identification and prompt, comprehensive correction of violations."

A proposed revision to the Enforcement Policy was published for public comment on Sept. 15, 2008, with a corrected version published Oct. 16, 2008. Today's *Federal Register* notice with the final revised policy is available online at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-24561.pdf>.

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