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NRC AMENDS REGULATIONS
ON RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is amending its regulations to require that companies which transfer or terminate their licenses must forward certain records to successor licensees or to the NRC.

The records affected by the new rule include information on decommissioning and offsite releases of radioactive material. Also affected are records on waste disposal to places other than a licensed radioactive waste disposal facility--by means such as incineration, release to sewers, on-site burials, or accidental spills of radioactive material.

Current regulations require licensees to maintain such records, but do not address what happens to the records when a company terminates its activities and gives up its license.

The revisions require a licensee to transfer the appropriate records to a new licensee if licensed activities are to continue at the same site. When all licensed activities at the site cease and the last license is terminated, the records would be transferred to the NRC or, in the case of a disposal site, to the party responsible for institutional control of the site, with a copy to the NRC.

The revised requirements will be effective on June 17 (30 days after publication of a Federal Register notice on this subject on May 16.)

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