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NRC Seeks Public Comment on Potential Changes to Radiation Protection Regulations

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment as the staff begins to consider possible changes to radiation protection standards.

The agency's radiation protection regulations traditionally have aligned closely with those used internationally, which are issued by the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP). The ICRP has made changes since the NRC's last update in 1991. The NRC staff has identified six policy and technical issues to be addressed as it begins to develop the technical basis for proposing changes. The request for comment, published in the July 25 *Federal Register*, asks for input on these issues. Comments will be accepted for 120 days.

The agency expects to hold a series of public meetings to discuss the issues during the comment period. Notices of those meetings and any material related to the proposed rulemaking will be posted on the [federal rulemaking website](#) under Docket ID NRC-2009-0279. Comments may be submitted on that website; by email to Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov; by fax to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 301-415-1101; or by mail to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.