

## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2013-0076]**

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### **Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing its semiannual regulatory agenda (the Agenda) in accordance with Public Law 96-354, "The Regulatory Flexibility Act," and Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review." The Agenda is a compilation of all rules on which the NRC has recently completed action or has proposed or is considering action. This issuance of the NRC's Agenda contains 56 rulemaking activities: four are Economically Significant; 12 represent Other Significant agency priorities; 38 are Substantive, Nonsignificant rulemaking activities; and two are Administrative rulemaking activities. This issuance updates any action occurring on rules since publication of the last semiannual regulatory agenda on January 8, 2013 (78 FR 1704). The NRC is requesting comment on its rulemaking activities as identified in this agenda.

**DATES:** Submit comments on this agenda by **[INSERT DATE: 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments on any rule in the agenda by the date and methods specified in the proposed rule notice. Comments received on rules for which the comment period has closed will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except as to

comments received on or before the closure dates specified in the Agenda. You may submit comments on this agenda through the Federal Rulemaking website by going to <http://www.regulations.gov> and searching for Docket ID NRC-2013-0076. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed under the heading "Agency Contact" for that rule.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 301-492-3667; email: [Cindy.Bladey@nrc.gov](mailto:Cindy.Bladey@nrc.gov). Persons outside the Washington, DC, metropolitan area may call toll-free: 1-800-368-5642. For further information on the substantive content of any rule listed in the agenda, contact the individual listed under the heading "Agency Contact" for that rule.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **ACCESSING INFORMATION AND SUBMITTING COMMENTS**

#### A. Accessing Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2013-0076 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-0076.
- **NRC's Public Website:** Go to <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/rulemaking-ruleforum/unified-agenda.html> and select spring 2013.

- **NRC's Public Document Room:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

## B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2013-0076 in the subject line of your comment submission in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS, and the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

## INTRODUCTION

The information contained in this semiannual publication is updated to reflect any action that has occurred on rules since publication of the last NRC semiannual regulatory agenda on January 8, 2013 (78 FR 1704). Within each group, the rules are ordered according to the Regulation Identifier Number (RIN).

The information in this Agenda has been updated through April 24, 2013. The date for the next scheduled action under the heading "Timetable" is the date the rule is scheduled to be published in the **Federal Register**. The date is considered tentative and is not binding on the Commission or its staff. The Agenda is intended to provide the public early notice and opportunity to participate in the NRC rulemaking process. However, the NRC may consider or act on any rulemaking even though it is not included in the Agenda.

The NRC agenda lists all open rulemaking actions. Four rules impact small entities.

## **COMMON PRIORITIZATION OF RULEMAKING**

The NRC has a process for developing rulemaking budget estimates and determining the relative priorities of rulemaking projects during budget formulation. This process produces a “Common Prioritization of Rulemaking” (CPR). The NRC adds new rules and evaluates rule priorities annually. The CPR process considers four factors and assigns a score to each factor. Those factors include (1) support for the NRC’s Strategic Plan goals; (2) support for the Strategic Plan organizational excellence objectives; (3) a governmental factor representing interest to the NRC, Congress, or other governmental bodies; and (4) an external factor representing interest to members of the public, nongovernmental organizations, the nuclear industry, vendors, and suppliers.

The NRC’s fall Agenda contains its annual regulatory plan, which includes a statement of the major rules that the Commission expects to publish in the coming fiscal year (FY) and a description of the other significant regulatory priorities from the CPR that the Commission expects to work on during the coming FY and beyond.

## **SECTION 610 PERIODIC REVIEWS UNDER THE REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT**

Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) requires agencies to conduct a review within 10 years of promulgation of those regulations that have or will have a *significant* economic impact on a *substantial* number of small entities. The NRC undertakes these reviews to decide whether the rules should be unchanged, amended, or withdrawn. At this time, the NRC does not have any rules that have a *significant* economic impact on a *substantial* number of small entities; therefore, the NRC has not included any RFA Section 610 periodic reviews in this edition of the Agenda. A complete listing of NRC regulations that impact small entities and related Small Entity Compliance Guides will be available from the NRC’s website in the fall of 2013.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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