



UNITED STATES
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March 4, 2016

Mr. Michael Welling, Director
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Virginia Department of Health
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Dear Mr. Welling:

We have reviewed the final revisions to the Virginia regulations 12VAC5-481, Section 10 and 451, received by our office on February 22, 2016. These regulations were reviewed by comparison to the equivalent U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules and the requirements of the one amendment identified in the enclosed State Regulation Status (SRS) Data Sheet. We discussed our review of the regulations with you on March 3, 2016.

As a result of our review, we have three comments that have been identified in the enclosure. Please note that we have limited our review to regulations required for compatibility and/or health and safety. We have determined that if these regulations are revised, incorporating our comments and without other significant change, they would meet the compatibility and health and safety categories established in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Procedure SA-200, "Compatibility Categories and Health and Safety Identification for NRC Regulations and Other Program Elements."

We request that when you revise your regulations to address our comments, a copy of the "as published" regulations be provided to us for review. As requested in NMSS Procedure SA-201, "Review of State Regulatory Requirements," please highlight the location of any changes made by Virginia, in response to our comments, and provide a copy to Division of Material Safety, State, Tribal, and Rulemaking Programs, NMSS. The SRS Data Sheet summarizes our knowledge of the status of other Virginia regulations, as indicated. Please let us know if you note any inaccuracies, or have any comments on the information contained in the SRS Data Sheet. This letter, including the SRS Data Sheet, is posted on the NMSS State Communication Portal: <https://scp.nrc.gov/rulemaking.html>.

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If you have any questions regarding the comments, the compatibility and health and safety categories, or any of the NRC regulations used in the review, please contact Michelle Beardsley, State Regulation Review Coordinator, at (610) 337-6942 (Michelle.Beardsley@nrc.gov) or Stephen Poy at (301) 415-7135 (Stephen.Poy@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Compatibility Comments
2. Virginia SRS Data Sheet

COMPATIBILITY COMMENTS ON VIRGINIA FINAL REGULATIONS

STATE SECTION		NRC SECTION	RATS ID	CATEGORY	SUBJECT and COMMENTS
1	481-451.B.1	37.21(b)	2013-1	B	<p>Personnel access authorization requirements for category 1 or category 2 quantities of radioactive material</p> <p>Virginia regulations omit an equivalent requirement in 10 CFR 37.21(b).</p> <p>Virginia needs to add an equivalent requirement to 481-451.B.1. in order to meet the Compatibility Category B designation assigned to 10 CFR 37.21(b).</p>
2	481-451.B.3.	37.25(b)	2013-1	C	<p>Background investigations</p> <p>Virginia regulations in Section 451.B.3.b state, "Individuals who have been determined to be trustworthy and reliable for unescorted access to Category 1 or Category 2 quantities of radioactive material in accordance with 12VAC5-481-451, "Increased controls and fingerprinting," as effective on October 3, 2008, can continue to have unescorted access to Category 1 and Category 2 quantities of radioactive material without further investigation." The reference to 12VAC5-481-451, "Increased controls and fingerprinting" needs to be replaced with "fingerprint orders".</p> <p>Virginia needs to make the change indicated above in order to meet the Compatibility Category C designation assigned to 10 CFR 37.25(b).</p> <p>COMMENT MODIFIED FROM FROM NRC LETTER DATED February 19,</p>

STATE SECTION		NRC SECTION	RATS ID	CATEGORY	SUBJECT and COMMENTS
					2015/ML15020A705.
3	481-451.B.5	37.29(a)	2013-1	B	<p>Relief from fingerprinting, identification, and criminal history records checks and other elements of background investigations for designated categories of individuals permitted unescorted access to certain radioactive materials</p> <p>Virginia regulations omit an equivalent requirement to 10 CFR 37.29(a)(7).</p> <p>Virginia needs to add an equivalent requirement to 481-451.B.5. in order to meet the Compatibility Category B designation assigned to 10 CFR 37.29(a)(7).</p> <p>COMMENT STANDS FROM NRC LETTER DATED February 19, 2015/ML15020A705.</p>

STATE REGULATION STATUS

State: Virginia

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Date: 03/04/2016

[1 amendment(s) reviewed identified by a * at the beginning of the equivalent NRC requirement.]

RATS ID	NRC Chronology Identification	Date Due for State Adoption	Incoming Letter	Outgoing Package	Notes
1991-1	Safety Requirements for Radiographic Equipment Part 34 55 FR 843 (Superceded by 1997-5)	01/10/1994	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1991-2	ASNT Certification of Radiographers Part 34 56 FR 11504 (Superceded by 1997-5)	none	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1991-3	Standards for Protection Against Radiation Part 20 56 FR 23360; 56 FR 61352; 57 FR 38588; 57 FR 57877; 58 FR 67657; 59 FR 41641; 60 FR 20183	01/01/1994	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1991-4	Notification of Incidents Parts 20, 30, 31, 34, 39, 40 and 70 56 FR 64980	10/15/1994	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1992-1	Quality Management Program and Misadministrations Part 35 56 FR 34104 (Superceded by 2002-2)	01/27/1995	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	

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1992-2	Eliminating the Recordkeeping Requirements for Departures from Manufacturer's Instructions Parts 30 and 35 57 FR 45566	none	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1993-1	Decommissioning Recordkeeping and License Termination: Documentation Additions [Restricted areas and spill sites] Parts 30 and 40 58 FR 39628	10/25/1996	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1993-2	Licensing and Radiation Safety Requirements for Irradiators Part 36 58 FR 7715	07/01/1996	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1993-3	Definition of Land Disposal and Waste Site QA Program Part 61 58 FR 33886	07/22/1996	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1994-1	Self-Guarantee as an Additional Financial Mechanism Parts 30, 40 and 70 58 FR 68726; 59 FR 1618	none	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1994-2	Uranium Mill Tailings Regulations: Conforming NRC Requirements to EPA Standards Part 40 59 FR 28220	07/01/1997	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	

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1994-3	Timeliness in Decommissioning Material Facilities Parts 30, 40 and 70 59 FR 36026	08/15/1997	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1995-1	Preparation, Transfer for Commercial Distribution, and Use of Byproduct Material for Medical Use Parts 30, 32 and 35 59 FR 61767; 59 FR 65243; 60 FR 322	01/01/1998	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1995-2	Frequency of Medical Examinations for Use of Respiratory Protection Equipment Part 20 60 FR 7900	03/13/1998	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1995-3	Low-Level Waste Shipment Manifest Information and Reporting Parts 20 and 61 60 FR 15649; 60 FR 25983	03/01/1998	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1995-4	Performance Requirements for Radiography Equipment Part 34 60 FR 28323 (Superceded by 1997-5)	06/30/1998	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1995-5	Radiation Protection Requirements: Amended Definitions and Criteria Parts 19 and 20 60 FR 36038	08/14/1998	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	

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1995-6	Clarification of Decommissioning Funding Requirements Parts 30, 40 and 70 60 FR 38235	11/24/1998	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1995-7	Medical Administration of Radiation and Radioactive Materials Parts 20 and 35 60 FR 48623 (Superseded by 2002-2 and 2005-2)	10/20/1998	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1996-1	Compatibility with the International Atomic Energy Agency Part 71 60 FR 50248; 61 FR 28724 (Superseded by 2004-1)	04/01/1999	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1996-2	One Time Extension of Certain Byproduct, Source and Special Nuclear Materials Licenses Parts 30, 40 and 70 61 FR 1109	02/15/1999	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1996-3	Termination or Transfer of Licensed Activities: Record keeping Requirements Parts 20, 30, 40, 61 and 70 61 FR 24669	06/17/1999	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1997-1	Resolution of Dual Regulation of Airborne Effluents of Radioactive Materials; Clean Air Act Part 20 61 FR 65120	01/9/2000	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	

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1997-2	Recognition of Agreement State Licenses in Areas Under Exclusive Federal Jurisdiction Within an Agreement State Part 150 62 FR 1662	02/27/2000	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1997-3	Criteria for the Release of Individuals Administered Radioactive Material Parts 20 and 35 62 FR 4120	05/29/2000	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1997-4	Fissile Material Shipments and Exemptions Part 71 62 FR 5907 (Superseded by 2004-1)	02/10/2000	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1997-5	Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiography Operations Parts 30, 34, 71 and 150 62 FR 28947	06/27/2000	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1997-6	Radiological Criteria for License Termination Parts 20, 30, 40 and 70 62 FR 39057	08/20/2000	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1997-7	Exempt Distribution of a Radioactive Drug Containing One Micro curie of Carbon-14 Urea Part 30 62 FR 63634	01/02/2001	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	

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1998-1	Deliberate Misconduct by Unlicensed Persons Parts 30, 40, 61, 70, 71 and 150 63 FR 1890; 63 FR 13773	02/12/2001	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1998-2	Self-Guarantee of Decommissioning Funding by Nonprofit and Non-Bond-Issuing Licensees Parts 30, 40 and 70 63 FR 29535	07/01/2001	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1998-3	License Term for Medical Use Licenses Part 35 63 FR 31604 (Superseded by 2002-2)	07/10/2001	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1998-4	Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiographic Operations Part 34 63 FR 37059	07/09/2001	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1998-5	Minor Corrections, Clarifying Changes, and a Minor Policy Change Parts 20, 32, 35, 36 and 39 63 FR 39477; 63 FR 45393	10/26/2001	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1998-6	Transfer for Disposal and Manifests: Minor Technical Conforming Amendment Part 20 63 FR 50127	11/20/2001	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	

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1999-1	Radiological Criteria for License Termination of Uranium Recovery Facilities Part 40 64 FR 17506	06/11/2002	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1999-2	Requirements for Those Who Possess Certain Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material to Provide Requested Information Part 31 64 FR 42269	10/04/2002	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
1999-3	Respiratory Protection and Controls to Restrict Internal Exposure Part 20 64 FR 54543; 64 FR 55524	02/02/2003	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2000-1	Energy Compensation Sources for Well Logging and Other Regulatory Clarifications Part 39 65 FR 20337	05/17/2003	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2000-2	New Dosimetry Technology Parts 34, 36 and 39 65 FR 63750	01/08/2004	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2001-1	Requirements for Certain Generally Licensed Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material Parts 30, 31 and 32 65 FR 79162	02/16/2004	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	

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2002-1	Revision of the Skin Dose Limit Part 20 67 FR 16298	04/05/2005	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2002-2	Medical Use of Byproduct Material Parts 20, 32 and 35 67 FR 20249	10/24/2005	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2003-1	Financial Assurance for Materials Licensees Parts 30, 40 and 70 68 FR 57327	12/03/2006	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2004-1	Compatibility With IAEA Transportation Safety Standards and Other Transportation Safety Amendments Part 71 69 FR 3697	10/01/2007	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2005-1	Security Requirements for Portable Gauges Containing Byproduct Material Part 30 70 FR 2001	07/11/2008	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2005-2	Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Recognition of Specialty Boards Part 35 70 FR 16336; 71 FR 1926	04/29/2008	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2005-3	Increased Controls for Risk-Significant Radioactive Sources (NRC Order EA-05-090) 70 FR 72128	12/01/2005	Final ML100280901	No Comments 03/02/2010 ML100350973	

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2006-1	Minor Amendments Parts 20, 30, 32, 35, 40 and 70 71 FR 15005	03/27/2009	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2006-2	National Source Tracking System - Serialization Requirements Part 32 with reference to Part 20 Appendix E 71 FR 65685	02/06/2007	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2006-3	National Source Tracking System Part 20 71 FR 65685, 72 FR 59162	01/31/2009	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2007-1	Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Minor Corrections and Clarifications Parts 32 and 35 72 FR 45147, 54207	10/29/2010	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2007-2	Exemptions From Licensing, General Licenses, and Distribution of Byproduct Material: Licensing and Reporting Requirements Parts 30, 31, 32 and 150 72 FR 58473	12/17/2010	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2007-3	Requirements for Expanded Definition of Byproduct Material Parts 20, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 61 and 150 72 FR 55864	11/30/2010	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	

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2007-4	Order Imposing Fingerprinting Requirements and Criminal History Records Check Requirements for Unescorted Access to Certain Radioactive Material NRC Order EA-07-305 72 FR 70901	06/05/2008	Final ML100280901	Comments 03/02/2010 ML100350973	
2008-1	Occupational Dose Records, Labeling Containers, and Total Effective Dose Equivalent Parts 19 and 20 72 FR 68043	02/15/2011	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	
2009-1	Medical Use of Byproduct Material – Authorized User Clarification Part 35 74 FR 33901	09/28/2012	Final ML081760528 ML082960329	No Comments 11/10/2008 ML082970632	Adopted Part 35 by reference when became an Agreement State.
2011-1	Decommissioning Planning Parts 20, 30, 40 and 70 76 FR 35512	12/17/2015	Proposed ML14307B118	Comments 02/19/2015 ML14307B093	
2011-2	Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Materials Licensees Parts 30, 36, 39, 40, 70 and 150 76 FR 56951	11/14/2014	Proposed ML14307B118	No Comments 02/19/2015 ML14307B093	
2012-1	Change of Compatibility of 10 CFR 31.5 and 31.6 (See RATS ID: 2001-1 for Rule text) 77 FR 3640	01/25/2015	Proposed ML14307B118	Comments 02/19/2015 ML14307B093	

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2012-2	Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transportation of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste Part 71 77 FR 34194	08/10/2015	Proposed ML14307B118	Comments 20/19/2015 ML14307B093	
2012-3	Technical Corrections Parts 30, 34, 40 and 71 77 FR 39899	08/06/2015	Proposed ML14307B118	Comments 02/19/2015 ML14307B093	
2012-4	Requirements for Distribution of Byproduct Material Parts 30, 31, 32, 40 and 70 77 FR 43666	10/23/2015	Proposed ML14307B118	Comments 02/19/2015 ML14307B093	
*2013-1	Physical Protection of Byproduct Material, 10 CFR Parts 20, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39 and 71 78 FR 16922	03/19/2016	Proposed ML14307B118 Final ML16054A490	Comments 02/19/2015 ML14307B093 Comments 03/04/2016 ML16054A371	
2013-2	Distribution of Source Material to Exempt Persons and to General Licensees and Revision of General License and Exemptions, 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70 78 FR 32310	08/27/2016	Proposed ML14307B118	Comments 02/19/2015 ML14307B093	
2015-1	Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material – Written Reports and Clarifying Amendments Part 70 79 FR 57721, 80 FR 143	01/26/2018			

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2015-2	Safeguards Information - Modified Handling Categorization, Change for Materials Facilities Parts 30, 37, 73 and 150 79 FR 58664, 80 FR 3865	01/28/2018			
2015-3	Revisions to Transportation Safety Requirements and Harmonization with International Atomic Energy Agency Transportation Requirements Part 71 80 FR 33987	07/13/2018			
2015-4	Miscellaneous Corrections, Parts 37 and 40 80 FR 45841	09/02/2018			
2015-5	Miscellaneous Corrections, Parts 19, 20, 30, 32, 37, 40, 61, 70, 71 and 150 80 FR 74974	12/31/2018			