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PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL RULE TO AMEND 10 CFR PART 71 REVISIONS TO TRANSPORTATION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND HARMONIZATION WITH THE ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS (STC-15-045)

Purpose: To inform you of the publication of a final rule to amend 10 CFR Part 71 entitled "Revisions to Transportation Safety Requirements and Harmonization with the Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Transportation Requirements."

Background: The final rule was published on June 12, 2015, (80 FR 33988). The final rule will be effective on July 13, 2015.

Discussion: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), in consultation with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is amending its regulations for the packaging and transportation of radioactive material. These amendments make conforming changes to the NRC's regulations based on the IAEA's 2009 standards for the international transportation of radioactive material and maintain consistency with the DOT's regulations. In addition, these amendments re-establish restrictions on materials that qualify for the fissile material exemption, clarify requirements, update administrative procedures, and make editorial changes.

This rule involves regulations that have been assigned compatibility "B," "C," "D," and "NRC." Section-specific compatibility designations are found in the "Agreement State Compatibility" section of the *Federal Register* notice.

Please see the Office of Federal Register page at: <u>http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-12/pdf/2015-14212.pdf</u> to access the published final rule and for additional information.

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