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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES TO TITLE 10 *CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS* PART 73, "PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF PLANTS AND MATERIALS" RULEMAKING (STC-19-028)

Purpose: To provide notice of an upcoming informational public meeting to inform external stakeholders of certain proposed changes made to the May 2018 draft final enhanced weapons, firearms background checks, and security event notifications rule (i.e., enhanced weapons rule) currently before the NRC Commission (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) No. ML16264A003). The meeting will be held at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters, in the Three White Flint North Building, Room 8-A28, Rockville, Maryland, on May 30, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT.

Background: A very limited number of Agreement State licensees possess special nuclear material of low strategic significance, in quantities specified in Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 150.14. These quantities are more than 15 grams of uranium-235 (U-235) (contained in uranium enriched to 20 percent or more) or 15 grams of uranium-233 (U-233) or 15 grams of plutonium or the combination of 15 grams when computed by the equation, grams = (grams contained U-235) + (grams plutonium) + (grams U-233). Agreement State licensees possessing, using, or transporting these quantities of special nuclear material remain subject to the NRC security requirements in 10 CFR 73.67.

The draft final rule noted above revised current physical security event reporting requirements and added new requirements for licensees subject to 10 CFR 73.67. The draft final rule also added additional suspicious activity reporting requirements that were applicable to the Agreement State licensees subject to 10 CFR 73.67. The NRC staff determined that reporting of suspicious activities for these Agreement State licensees isn't necessary given the low risk posed by the form, type, and quantity of special nuclear material that these licensees are authorized to possess. The staff is proposing revising the May 2018 draft final rule language to exempt these licensees from the suspicious activity reporting requirements.

Discussion: This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for the NRC staff and external stakeholders to discuss any issues and concerns regarding these proposed changes to the May 2018 proposed rule. Meeting material, including earlier versions of the draft final rule, will be posted on www.regulations.gov under Docket ID "NRC-2011-0018" before the meeting. Attendees are strongly encouraged to read these documents prior to the meeting.

The focus of this meeting is to enable stakeholders to discuss and understand these proposed changes. The NRC is not accepting public comments on these changes or on the draft final enhanced weapons rule at this meeting.

You may visit the NRC's public meeting Web site for information about any public meeting at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>.

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