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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Mr. David Walter, Director
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State Department of Public Health
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Dear Mr. Walter:

We have reviewed the proposed revisions to the Alabama regulations 420-3-26, received by our office on September 8, 2015. 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 October 14, 2015.

As a result of our review, we have one comment that is a matter of compatibility, and one comment that is not related to compatibility but should be addressed. These have been identified in the enclosure. Please note that we have limited our review to regulations required for compatibility and/or health and safety. Under our current procedure, a finding that the Alabama regulations meet the compatibility and health and safety categories of the equivalent NRC regulation may only be made based on a review of the final Alabama regulations. However, we have determined that if your proposed regulations were adopted, 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 the proposed regulations are adopted and published as final regulations, 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 final changes, 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 Alabama 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 Monica Ford at (610) 337-5214 (Monica.Ford@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Comments: Compatibility/Non-Compatibility
2. Alabama SRS Data Sheet

COMPATIBILITY COMMENT ON ALABAMA PROPOSED REGULATIONS

STATE SECTION		NRC SECTION	RATS ID	CATEGORY	SUBJECT and COMMENTS
1	420-3-26-.02(22)	30.13	2013-1	B	<p>Carriers</p> <p>AL 's regulation is more restrictive than the NRC's. AL needs to change 420-3-26-.02(22) to be essentially identical to 10 CFR 30.13. Section 420-3-26-.02(22) should read "Common and contract carriers, freight forwarders, and warehousemen are exempt from these rules to the extent that they transport or store radioactive material in the regular course of their carriage for another or storage incident thereto."</p> <p>AL needs to make the above change in order to meet the Compatibility Category B designation assigned to 10 CFR 30.13.</p>

COMMENT NOT RELATED TO COMPATIBILITY ON ALABAMA PROPOSED REGULATIONS

1	420-3-26-.15(10)	37.27	2013-1	B	<p>Requirements for criminal history records checks of individuals granted unescorted access to category 1 or category 2 quantities of radioactive material</p> <p>AL has the email address listed incorrectly in 420-3-26-.15(10)(c)1. The email should read http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html.</p> <p>Note: See FSME-13-081 dated August 16, 2013, for notification to Agreement States of the change of address from that published in the regulations.</p>
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STATE REGULATION STATUS

State: Alabama

Tracking Ticket Number: 15-68

Date: 10/15/2015

[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	No Comments 04/02/1994	Alabama has adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS ID 1997-5
1991-2	ASNT Certification of Radiographers Part 34 56 FR 11504 (Superceded by 1997-5)	none	Not Required	Not Required	Alabama has adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS ID 1997-5
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	No Comments 11/19/1997	
1991-4	Notification of Incidents Parts 20, 30, 31, 34, 39, 40, 70 56 FR 64980	10/15/1994	Final	No Comments 04/02/1994	
1992-1	Quality Management Program and Misadministrations Part 35 56 FR 34104 (Superceded by 2002-2)	01/27/1995	Final	No Comments 04/02/1994	Alabama has adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS ID 2002-2
1992-2	Eliminating the Recordkeeping Requirements for Departures from Manufacturer's Instructions Parts 30, 35 57 FR 45566	none	Not Required	Not Required	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility

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1993-1	Decommissioning Recordkeeping and License Termination: Documentation Additions [Restricted areas and spill sites] Parts 30, 40 58 FR 39628	10/25/1996	Final	No Comments 06/05/1998	
1993-2	Licensing and Radiation Safety Requirements for Irradiators Part 36 58 FR 7715	07/01/1996	Final	No Comments 06/05/1998	
1993-3	Definition of Land Disposal and Waste Site QA Program Part 61 58 FR 33886	07/22/1996	Not Applicable ⁱ	Not Applicable	Alabama does not have any licensees subject to these regulations. (See SECY-95-112)
1994-1	Self-Guarantee as an Additional Financial Mechanism Parts 30, 40, 70 58 FR 68726; 59 FR 1618	none	Final	No Comments 06/05/1998	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility.
1994-2	Uranium Mill Tailings Regulations: Conforming NRC Requirements to EPA Standards Part 40 59 FR 28220	07/01/1997	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Alabama does not have authority to regulate this material under its Agreement
1994-3	Timeliness in Decommissioning Material Facilities Parts 30, 40, 70 59 FR 36026	08/15/1997	Final	No Comments 06/05/1998	

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1995-1	Preparation, Transfer for Commercial Distribution, and Use of Byproduct Material for Medical Use Parts 30, 32, 35 59 FR 61767; 59 FR 65243; 60 FR 322	01/01/1998	Final	No Comments 06/05/1998	
1995-2	Frequency of Medical Examinations for Use of Respiratory Protection Equipment Part 20 60 FR 7900	03/13/1998	Final	No Comments 06/05/1998	
1995-3	Low-Level Waste Shipment Manifest Information and Reporting Parts 20, 61 60 FR 15649; 60 FR 25983	03/01/1998	Final	No Comments 06/05/1998	
1995-4	Performance Requirements for Radiography Equipment Part 34 60 FR 28323 (Superceded by 1997-5)	06/30/1998	Not Required	Not required	Alabama has adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS ID 1997-5
1995-5	Radiation Protection Requirements: Amended Definitions and Criteria Parts 19, 20 60 FR 36038	08/14/1998	Final	No Comments 06/05/1998	
1995-6	Clarification of Decommissioning Funding Requirements Parts 30, 40, 70 60 FR 38235	11/24/1998	Final	No Comments 06/05/1998	

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1995-7	Medical Administration of Radiation and Radioactive Materials Parts 20, 35 60 FR 48623 (Superceded by 2002-2 and 2005-2)	10/20/1998	Final	No Comments 08/29/2000	Alabama has adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS IDs 2002-2 and 2005-2
1996-1	Compatibility with the International Atomic Energy Agency Part 71 60 FR 50248; 61 FR 28724 (Superceded by 2004-1)	04/01/1999	Final	No Comments 08/29/2000	Alabama has not yet adopted RATS ID 2004-1 in final.
1996-2	One Time Extension of Certain Byproduct, Source and Special Nuclear Materials Licenses Parts 30, 40, 70 61 FR 1109	02/15/1999	Not Required	Not Required	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility
1996-3	Termination or Transfer of Licensed Activities: Record keeping Requirements Parts 20, 30, 40, 61, 70 61 FR 24669	06/17/1999	Final	No Comments 08/29/2000	
1997-1	Resolution of Dual Regulation of Airborne Effluents of Radioactive Materials; Clean Air Act Part 20 61 FR 65120	01/9/2000	Final	No Comments 08/29/2000	
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	No Comments 08/29/2000	

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1997-3	Criteria for the Release of Individuals Administered Radioactive Material Parts 20, 35 62 FR 4120	05/29/2000	Final	No Comments 08/29/2000	
1997-4	Fissile Material Shipments and Exemptions Part 71 62 FR 5907 (Superseded by 2004-1)	02/10/2000	Not Required	Not Required	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility. (See STP-97-078)
1997-5	Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiography Operations Parts 30, 34, 71, 150 62 FR 28947	06/27/2000	Final	No Comments 08/29/2000	
1997-6	Radiological Criteria for License Termination Parts 20, 30, 40, 70 62 FR 39057	08/20/2000	Final	No Comments 08/29/2000	
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	No Comments 06/05/1998	
1998-1	Deliberate Misconduct by Unlicensed Persons Parts 30, 40, 61, 70, 71, 150 63 FR 1890; 63 FR 13773	02/12/2001	Final	No Comments 10/01/2001	

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1998-2	Self-Guarantee of Decommissioning Funding by Nonprofit and Non-Bond-Issuing Licensees Parts 30, 40, 70 63 FR 29535	07/01/2001	Not Required	Not Required	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility
1998-3	License Term for Medical Use Licenses Part 35 63 FR 31604 (Superceded by 2002-2)	07/10/2001	Not Required	Not Required	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility. (See STP-98-074) Alabama has adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS IDs 2002-2.
1998-4	Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiographic Operations Part 34 63 FR 37059	07/09/2001	Final	No Comments 08/29/2000	
1998-5	Minor Corrections, Clarifying Changes, and a Minor Policy Change Parts 20, 32, 35, 36, 39 63 FR 39477; 63 FR 45393	10/26/2001	Final	No Comments 08/29/2000	
1998-6	Transfer for Disposal and Manifests: Minor Technical Conforming Amendment Part 20 63 FR 50127	11/20/2001	Final	No Comments 08/29/2000	
1999-1	Radiological Criteria for License Termination of Uranium Recovery Facilities Part 40 64 FR 17506	06/11/2002	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Alabama does not have authority to regulate this material under its Agreement

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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	Not Required	Not Required	These regulation changes are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility
1999-3	Respiratory Protection and Controls to Restrict Internal Exposure Part 20 64 FR 54543; 64 FR 55524	02/02/2003	Final ML021090092	No Comments 04/25/2002 ML021160517	
2000-1	Energy Compensation Sources for Well Logging and Other Regulatory Clarifications Part 39 65 FR 20337	05/17/2003	Final ML062000076	No Comments 08/10/2006 ML062220014	
2000-2	New Dosimetry Technology Parts 34, 36, 39 65 FR 63750	01/08/2004	Final ML062000076	No Comments 08/10/2006 ML062220014	
2001-1	Requirements for Certain Generally Licensed Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material Parts 30, 31, 32 65 FR 79162	02/16/2004	Final ML062000076	No Comments 08/10/2006 ML062220014	
2002-1	Revision of the Skin Dose Limit Part 20 67 FR 16298	04/05/2005	Final ML052940420	No Comments 11/08/2005 ML053120389	
2002-2	Medical Use of Byproduct Material Parts 20, 32, 35 67 FR 20249	10/24/2005	Final ML062000076	No Comments 08/10/2006 ML062220014	

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2003-1	Financial Assurance for Materials Licensees Parts 30, 40, 70 68 FR 57327	12/03/2006	Final ML062000076	No Comments 08/10/2006 ML062220014	
2004-1	Compatibility With IAEA Transportation Safety Standards and Other Transportation Safety Amendments Part 71 69 FR 3697	10/01/2007	Final ML14293A397	Comments 12/16/2014 ML14290A377	
2005-1	Security Requirements for Portable Gauges Containing Byproduct Material Part 30 70 FR 2001	07/11/2008	Final ML13176A135 License Condition ML081960176	No Comments 09/18/2013 ML13176A123 Comments 07/28/2008 ML082100083	
2005-2	Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Recognition of Specialty Boards Part 35 70 FR 16336; 71 FR 1926	04/29/2008	Final ML062000076	No Comments 08/10/2006 ML062220014	
2005-3	Increased Controls for Risk-Significant Radioactive Sources (NRC Order EA-05-090) 70 FR 72128	12/01/2005	License Condition ML052570218	No Comments 09/15/2005 ML052620319	
2006-1	Minor Amendments Parts 20, 30, 32, 35, 40 and 70 71 FR 15005	03/27/2009	Final ML13176A135	Comments 09/18/2013 ML13176A123	

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2006-2	National Source Tracking System - Serialization Requirements Part 32 with reference to Part 20 Appendix E 71 FR 65685	02/06/2007	Final ML13176A135	Comments 09/18/2013 ML13176A123	
2006-3	National Source Tracking System Part 20 71 FR 65685, 72 FR 59162	01/31/2009	Final ML13176A135 License Condition ML082820556	No Comments 09/18/2013 ML13176A123 No Comments 10/21/2008 ML082820596	
2007-1	Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Minor Corrections and Clarifications Parts 32 and 35 72 FR 45147, 54207	10/29/2010	Final ML14293A397	Comments 12/16/2014 ML14290A377	
2007-2	Exemptions From Licensing, General Licenses, and Distribution of Byproduct Material: Licensing and Reporting Requirements Parts 30, 31, 32, 150 72 FR 58473	12/17/2010	Final ML14293A397	Comments 12/16/2014 ML14290A377	
2007-3	Requirements for Expanded Definition of Byproduct Material Parts 20, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 61, 150 72 FR 55864	11/30/2010	Final ML14293A397	Comments 12/16/2014 ML14290A377	

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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	License Condition ML081090443	No Comments 05/01/2008 ML081220314	
2008-1	Occupational Dose Records, Labeling Containers, and Total Effective Dose Equivalent Parts 19, 20 72 FR 68043	02/15/2011	Final ML13176A135	No Comments 09/18/2013 ML13176A123	
2009-1	Medical Use of Byproduct Material – Authorized User Clarification Part 35 74 FR 33901	09/28/2012	Final ML14293A397	No Comments 12/16/2014 ML14290A377	
2011-1	Decommissioning Planning Parts 20, 30, 40, 70 76 FR 35512	12/17/2015	Final ML14293A397	No Comments 12/16/2014 ML14290A377	
2011-2	Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Materials Licensees Parts 30, 36, 39, 40, 70, and 150 76 FR 56951	11/14/2014	Final ML15127A281	No Comments 06/11/2015 ML15127A276	
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	Final ML15127A281	Comments 06/11/2015 ML15127A276	

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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			
2012-3	Technical Corrections Part 30, 34, 40 and 71 77 FR 39899	08/06/2015	Final ML14293A397	Comments 12/16/2014 ML14290A377	
2012-4	Requirements for Distribution of Byproduct Material Parts 30, 31, 32, 40 and 70 77 FR 43666	10/23/2015	Final ML14293A397	Comments 12/16/2014 ML14290A377	
*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 ML15252A268	Comments 10/15/2015 ML15252A240	
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			
2015-1	Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material – Written Reports and Clarifying Amendments Part 70 79 FR 57721, 80 FR 143	01/26/2018			
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			

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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			