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Dear Dr. Schuerman:

We have reviewed the final revisions to the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33, Part XV, Radiation Protection, received by our office on January 8, 2016. These regulations were reviewed by comparison to the equivalent U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules and the requirements of the four amendments identified in the enclosed State Regulation Status (SRS) Data Sheet. We discussed our review of the regulations with you on February 4, 2016.

As a result of our review, we have two comments related to compatibility and one comment that is not related to compatibility. These comments 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 Louisiana, 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 Louisiana 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>.

Additionally, please note that NRC has previously issued certain security Orders to three Louisiana licensees. We have not listed the names of the licensees in this letter because that information is Official Use Only and cannot be made publicly available. Because the NRC-issued Orders are still legally binding, they must be rescinded by NRC concurrent with State's promulgation of final regulations. Accordingly, close coordination is needed between NRC and your office to ensure there are no conflicts, duplications, or gaps regarding the security-related requirements for these licensees. Please contact Ms. Adelaide Giantelli, Chief, Source Management and Protection Branch, NMSS for information regarding the affected State licensees and for coordination with rescission of the NRC-issued Orders for these licensees after State's promulgation.

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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 R. Beardsley, State Regulation Review Coordinator, at (610) 337-6942 ([Michelle.Beardsley@nrc.gov](mailto:Michelle.Beardsley@nrc.gov)) or Martha Poston-Brown at (817) 200-1181 ([Martha.Poston-Brown@nrc.gov](mailto:Martha.Poston-Brown@nrc.gov)).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Compatibility Comment
2. Louisiana SRS Data Sheet

**COMPATIBILITY COMMENT ON LOUISIANA FINAL REGULATIONS**

STATE SECTION		NRC SECTION	RATS ID	CATEGORY	SUBJECT and COMMENTS
1	1613.C	§ 37.27(c)	2013-1	B	<p><b>Requirements for criminal history records checks of individual granted unescorted access to category 1 or category 2 quantities of radioactive material.</b></p> <p>Louisiana's regulation in Section 1613.C is missing most of subparagraph 1 and all of subparagraphs 2 &amp; 3 of 10 CFR 37.27(c).</p> <p>Louisiana needs to add the missing language, subject to the change of address in FSME-13-081, dated August 16, 2013, to its regulation in order to meet the Compatibility Category B designation assigned to 10 CFR 37.27(c).</p>
2	1615.A.10	§37.29(a)(10)	2015-2	B	<p><b>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</b></p> <p>Louisiana's regulation in Section 1615.A.10 is missing the words "category 1" as noted in bold below:</p> <p>(10) Commercial vehicle drivers for road shipments of <b>category 1</b> and category 2 quantities of radioactive material.</p> <p>Louisiana needs to add the missing language to its regulations in order to meet the Compatibility Category B designation assigned to 10 CFR 37.29(a)(10).</p>

**COMMENT NOT RELATED TO COMPATIBILITY**

<b>STATE SECTION</b>		<b>NRC SECTION</b>	<b>RATS ID</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>SUBJECT and COMMENTS</b>
<b>1</b>	1637.A	§ 35.57	2013-1	C	<b>Reporting of events</b>  Louisiana, in the second sentence of 1637.A, repeats the phrase “as soon as possible” at the beginning and end of the sentence.  Louisiana may eliminate the phrase “as soon as possible” at the end of the second sentence of 1637.A

**STATE REGULATION STATUS**

State: Louisiana

Tracking Ticket Number: 16-32

Date: 2/5/2016

[ 4 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 <b>(Superceded by 1997-5)</b>	01/10/1994	Not Required	Not Required	Louisiana has adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS ID: 1997-5.
1991-2	ASNT Certification of Radiographers Part 34 56 FR 11504 <b>(Superceded by 1997-5)</b>	none	Not Required	Not Required	Louisiana 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 ML14266A408	No Comments 11/19/2014 ML14266A336	
1991-4	Notification of Incidents Parts 20, 30, 31, 34, 39, 40, and 70 56 FR 64980;	10/15/1994	Final ML12361A157	No Comments 03/29/2013 ML13044A340	
1992-1	Quality Management Program and Misadministrations Part 35 56 FR 34104 <b>(Superceded by 2002-2)</b>	01/27/1995	Not Required	Not Required	Louisiana has adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS ID: 2002-2.
1992-2	Eliminating the Recordkeeping Requirements for Departures from Manufacturer's Instructions Parts 30 and 35 57 FR 45566	none	Not Required	Not Required	These regulations 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 and 40 58 FR 39628	10/25/1996	Final ML12361A157	No Comments 03/29/2013 ML13044A340	
1993-2	Licensing and Radiation Safety Requirements for Irradiators Part 36 58 FR 7715	07/01/1996	Not Applicable <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Louisiana does not have any licensees subject to these regulations. (See SECY-95-112)
1993-3	Definition of Land Disposal and Waste Site QA Program Part 61 58 FR 33886	07/22/1996	Not Applicable <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Louisiana 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, and 70 58 FR 68726; 59 FR 1618	none	Not Required	Not Required	These regulations 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	Louisiana does not have authority to regulate this material under its Agreement.
1994-3	Timeliness in Decommissioning Material Facilities Parts 30, 40, and 70 59 FR 36026	08/15/1997	Final	No Comments 01/06/1999	
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	No Comments 01/06/1999	

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1995-2	Frequency of Medical Examinations for Use of Respiratory Protection Equipment Part 20 60 FR 7900	03/13/1998	Final	No Comments 01/06/1999	
1995-3	Low-Level Waste Shipment Manifest Information and Reporting Parts 20 and 61 60 FR 15649; 60 FR 25983	03/01/1998	Final	No Comments 01/06/1999	
1995-4	Performance Requirements for Radiography Equipment Part 34 60 FR 28323 <b>(Superceded by 1997-5)</b>	06/30/1998	Final	No Comments 01/06/1999	Louisiana has adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS ID: 1997-5.
1995-5	Radiation Protection Requirements: Amended Definitions and Criteria Parts 19 and 20 60 FR 36038	08/14/1998	Final	No Comments 01/06/1999	
1995-6	Clarification of Decommissioning Funding Requirements Parts 30, 40, and 70 60 FR 38235	11/24/1998	Final	No Comments 01/06/1999	
1995-7	Medical Administration of Radiation and Radioactive Materials Parts 20 and 35 60 FR 48623 <b>(Superceded by 2002-2 and 2005-2)</b>	10/20/1998	Final	No Comments 01/06/1999	Louisiana has not yet adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS ID: 2005-2.
1996-1	Compatibility with the International Atomic Energy Agency Part 71 60 FR 50248; 61 FR 28724 <b>(Superceded by 2004-1)</b>	04/01/1999	Final ML020280299	No Comments 02/15/2002 ML020460125	Louisiana has not yet adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS ID: 2004-1.

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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	Not Required	Not Required	These regulations 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, and 70 61 FR 24669	06/17/1999	Final ML12361A157	No Comments 03/29/2013 ML13044A340	
1997-1	Resolution of Dual Regulation of Airborne Effluents of Radioactive Materials; Clean Air Act Part 20 61 FR 65120	01/9/2000	Final ML011510385	No Comments 11/15/2001 ML013100191	
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 ML011510385	No Comments 11/15/2001 ML013100191	
1997-3	Criteria for the Release of Individuals Administered Radioactive Material Parts 20 and 35 62 FR 4120	05/29/2000	Final	No Comments 01/06/1999	
1997-4	Fissile Material Shipments and Exemptions Part 71 62 FR 5907 <b>(Superceded by 2004-1)</b>	02/10/2000	Not Required	Not Required	These regulations are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility. (See STP-97-078)

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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 ML14266A408  Revised Final ML14364A230  Revised Final ML15212A809	Comments 11/19/2014 ML14266A336  No Comments 01/29/2015 ML14364A226  No Comments 08/31/2015 ML15212A806	
1997-6	Radiological Criteria for License Termination Parts 20, 30, 40, and 70 62 FR 39057	08/20/2000	Final ML011510385	No Comments 11/15/2001 ML013100191	
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 01/06/1999	
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 ML011510385	No Comments 11/15/2001 ML013100191	
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	Not Required	Not Required	These regulations are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility.
1998-3	License Term for Medical Use Licenses Part 35 63 FR 31604 <b>(Superceded by 2002-2)</b>	07/10/2001	Not Required	Not Required	These regulations are not required to be adopted for purposes of Compatibility. (See STP-98-074) Louisiana has adopted Final Regulations equivalent to RATS ID: 2002-2.

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1998-4	Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiographic Operations Part 34 63 FR 37059	07/09/2001	Final ML062480284	No Comments 10/23/2006 ML062960278	
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 ML14266A408	No Comments 11/19/2014 ML14266A336	
1998-6	Transfer for Disposal and Manifests: Minor Technical Conforming Amendment Part 20 63 FR 50127	11/20/2001	Final ML062480284	No Comments 10/23/2006 ML062960278	
1999-1	Radiological Criteria for License Termination of Uranium Recovery Facilities Part 40 64 FR 17506	06/11/2002	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Louisiana does not have the authority to regulate this material under its Agreement.
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 regulations 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 ML061720127	No Comments 07/27/2006 ML062120471	
2000-1	Energy Compensation Sources for Well Logging and Other Regulatory Clarifications Part 39 65 FR 20337	05/17/2003	Final ML080800500	No Comments 04/14/2008 ML081050467	

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2000-2	New Dosimetry Technology Parts 34, 36, and 39 65 FR 63750	01/08/2004	Final ML041880305	No Comments 08/26/2004 ML042390322	
2001-1	Requirements for Certain Generally Licensed Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material Parts 30, 31, and 32 65 FR 79162	02/16/2004	Final ML14083A568	No Comments 06/12/2014 ML14083A554	
2002-1	Revision of the Skin Dose Limit Part 20 67 FR 16298	04/05/2005	Final ML062480284	No Comments 11/27/2006 ML063180075	
2002-2	Medical Use of Byproduct Material Parts 20, 32, and 35 67 FR 20249	10/24/2005	Final ML061720127	No Comments 07/27/2006 ML062120471	
2003-1	Financial Assurance for Materials Licensees Parts 30, 40, and 70 68 FR 57327	12/03/2006	Final ML062480284	No Comments 10/23/2006 ML062960278	
2004-1	Compatibility With IAEA Transportation Safety Standards and Other Transportation Safety Amendments Part 71 69 FR 3697	10/01/2007	Final ML090480013	No Comments 04/01/2009 ML090710728	
2005-1	Security Requirements for Portable Gauges Containing Byproduct Material Part 30 70 FR 2001	07/11/2008	Final ML081080146	No Comments 05/29/2008 ML081500119	
2005-2	Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Recognition of Specialty Boards Part 35 70 FR 16336; 71 FR 1926	04/29/2008	Final ML090480013	No Comments 04/01/2009 ML090710728	

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2005-3	Increased Controls for Risk-Significant Radioactive Sources (NRC Order EA-05-090) 70 FR 72128	12/01/2005	License Condition ML052900105	No Comments 10/20/2005 ML052930327	
2006-1	Minor Amendments Parts 20, 30, 32, 35, 40 and 70 71 FR 15005	03/27/2009	Final ML14266A408	No Comments 11/19/2014 ML14266A336	
2006-2	National Source Tracking System - Serialization Requirements Part 32 with reference to Part 20 Appendix E 71 FR 65685	02/06/2007	Final ML080800500	No Comments 04/14/2008 ML081050467	
2006-3	National Source Tracking System Part 20 71 FR 65685, 72 FR 59162	01/31/2009	Final ML080800500	No Comments 04/14/2008 ML081050467	
2007-1	Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Minor Corrections and Clarifications Parts 32 and 35 72 FR 45147, 54207	10/29/2010	Final ML14083A603	No Comments 07/29/2014 ML14083A595	
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 ML14266A408	No Comments 11/19/2014 ML14266A336	

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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 ML14083A603  Proposed Revision to Final ML14364A230  Revised Final ML15212A809	Comments 07/29/2014 ML14083A595  Comments 01/29/2015 ML14364A226  No Comments 08/31/2015 ML15212A806	
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 ML080800499	No Comments 03/27/2008 MI080870350	
2008-1	Occupational Dose Records, Labeling Containers, and Total Effective Dose Equivalent Parts 19 and 20 72 FR 68043	02/15/2011	Final ML14266A408	No Comments 11/19/2014 ML14266A336	
2009-1	Medical Use of Byproduct Material – Authorized User Clarification Part 35 74 FR 33901	09/28/2012	Final ML14266A408	No Comments 11/19/2014 ML14266A336	
2011-1	Decommissioning Planning Parts 20, 30, 40, and 70 76 FR 35512	12/17/2015	Proposed ML15054A380  Final ML15300A512	No Comments 03/12/2015 ML15054A372  No Comments 11/18/2015 ML15300A511	

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2011-2	Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Materials Licensees Parts 30, 36, 39, 40, 70, and 150 76 FR 56951	11/14/2014	Final ML15021A524	No Comments 02/19/2015 ML15021A520	
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 ML14083A568	No Comments 06/12/2014 ML14083A554	
2012-2	Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transportation of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste Part 71 77 FR 34194	08/10/2015	Final ML15021A524	No Comments 02/19/2015 ML15021A520	
2012-3	Technical Corrections Parts 30, 34, 40 and 71 77 FR 39899	08/06/2015	Final ML15021A524	No Comments 02/19/2015 ML15021A520	
2012-4	Requirements for Distribution of Byproduct Material Parts 30, 31, 32, 40 and 70 77 FR 43666	10/23/2015	Proposed ML14364A230  Final ML15212A809	Comments 01/29/2015 ML14364A226  No Comments 08/31/2015 ML15212A806	
*2013-1	Physical Protection of Byproduct Material, Parts 20, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, and 71 78 FR 16922	03/19/2016	Proposed ML15126A361  Final ML16012A155	No Comments 06/11/2015 ML15124A889  No Comments 02/05/2016 ML16012A148	

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*2013-2	Distribution of Source Material to Exempt Persons and to General Licensees and Revision of General License and Exemptions Parts 30, 40, and 70 78 FR 32310	08/27/2016	Proposed ML15126A361  Final ML16012A155	No Comments 06/11/2015 ML15124A889  No Comments 02/05/2016 ML16012A148	
*2015-1	Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material – Written Reports and Clarifying Amendments Part 70 79 FR 57721, 80 FR 143	01/26/2018	Proposed ML15126A361  Final ML16012A155	No Comments 06/11/2015 ML15124A889  No Comments 02/05/16 ML16012A148	
*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	Proposed ML15126A361  Final ML16012A155	No Comments 06/11/2015 ML15124A889  Comment 02/05/16 ML16012A148	
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			

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<sup>1</sup> IMPEP Team: verify that Louisiana does not have any licensees subject to these regulations during each review.