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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule published in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

Because the NRC considers this action noncontroversial and routine, we are publishing this proposed rule

concurrently as a direct final rule. The direct final rule will become effective on July 7, 2003. However, if the NRC receives significant adverse comments on the direct final rule, by May 21, 2003, the NRC will publish a document that withdraws the direct final rule. If the direct final rule is withdrawn, the NRC will address the comments received in response to the proposed revisions in a subsequent final rule. Absent significant modifications to the proposed revisions requiring republication, the NRC will not initiate a second comment period for this action if the direct final rule is withdrawn.

A significant adverse comment is a comment where the commenter explains why the rule would be inappropriate, including challenges to the rule's underlying premise or approach, or would be ineffective or unacceptable without a change. A comment is adverse and significant if:

(1) The comment opposes the rule and provides a reason sufficient to require a substantive response in a notice-and-comment process. For example, a substantive response is required when—

(A) The comment causes the staff to reevaluate (or reconsider) its position or conduct additional analysis;

(B) The comment raises an issue serious enough to warrant a substantive response to clarify or complete the record; or

(C) The comment raises a relevant issue that was not previously addressed or considered by the staff.

(2) The comment proposes a change or an addition to the rule and it is apparent that the rule would be ineffective or unacceptable without incorporation of the change or addition.

(3) The comment causes the staff to make a change (other than editorial) to the rule.

List of Subjects in 10 CFR Part 35

Byproduct material, Criminal penalties, Drugs, Health facilities, Health professions, Medical devices, Nuclear materials, Occupational safety and health, Radiation protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For reasons set out in the preamble and under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended; the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended; and 5 U.S.C. 553; the NRC is proposing to adopt the following amendments to 10 CFR part 35.

PART 35—MEDICAL USE OF BYPRODUCT MATERIAL

1. The authority citation for part 35 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 81, 161, 182, 183, 68 Stat. 935, 948, 953, 954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2111, 2201, 2232, 2233); sec. 201, 88 Stat. 1242, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5841).

2. In § 35.2, the definitions for *authorized medical physicist*, *authorized nuclear pharmacist*, *authorized user*, and *radiation safety officer*, are amended by revising paragraph (1) of each definition to read as follows:

§ 35.2 Definitions.

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Authorized medical physicist means an individual who—

(1) Meets the requirements in §§ 35.51(a) and 35.59; or, before October 24, 2004, meets the requirements in §§ 35.961(a), or (b), and 35.59; or

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Authorized nuclear pharmacist means a pharmacist who—

(1) Meets the requirements in §§ 35.55(a) and 35.59; or, before October 24, 2004, meets the requirements in §§ 35.980(a) and 35.59; or

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Authorized user means a physician, dentist, or podiatrist who—

(1) Meets the requirements in §§ 35.59 and 35.190(a), 35.290(a), 35.390(a), 35.392(a), 35.394(a), 35.490(a), 35.590(a), or 35.690(a); or, before October 24, 2004, meets the requirements in §§ 35.910(a), 35.920(a), 35.930(a), 35.940(a), 35.950(a), or 35.960(a) and 35.59; or

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Radiation Safety Officer means an individual who—

(1) Meets the requirements in §§ 35.50(a) and 35.59; or, before October 24, 2004, meets the requirements in §§ 35.900(a) and 35.59; or

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3. In § 35.51, the second sentence of paragraph (b)(2) is revised to read as follows:

§ 35.51 Training for an authorized medical physicist.

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(b) * * *

(2) * * * The written certification

must be signed by a preceptor authorized medical physicist who meets the requirements in § 35.51, or, before October 24, 2004, § 35.961, or equivalent Agreement State requirements for an authorized medical physicist for each type of therapeutic medical unit for which the individual is requesting authorized medical physicist status.

4. In § 35.100, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows: