

Materials and Operator License Proceedings,” of NRC’s rules and practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2. Whether or not a person has or intends to provide comments as set out in Section II above, pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person (other than an applicant) whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

1. By delivery to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays; or

2. By mail, telegram, or facsimile (301-415-1101) addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

In accordance with 10 CFR § 2.1205(f), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail, to:

1. The applicant; Lt. Col. Kali K. Mather, Chief, AFMOA/SGZR, 110 Luke Avenue, Room 405, Bolling Air Force Base, Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. 20332-7050; and

2. The NRC staff; by delivery to the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays, or by mail, addressed to General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC’s regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

1. The interest of the requestor in the proceeding;
2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(h);
3. The requestor’s areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and
4. The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(d).

IV. Public Meeting

There are no public meetings scheduled for this proceeding.

V. Further Information

The application for the license amendment and supporting documentation are available for inspection at NRC’s Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. The DP can be found in ADAMS at Accession Numbers ML021970666 and ML021970654, while supporting documentation can be found at ML023370482. The acceptance letter can be found at ML023290265. Any questions with respect to this action should be referred to D. Blair Spitzberg, Ph.D., Chief, Fuel Cycle and Decommissioning Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region IV, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas, 76011-4005. Telephone: (817) 860-8191, fax number (817) 860-8188.

Dated at Arlington, Texas, this 27th day of January 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, “Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors”; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Availability for comment and voluntary, trial use.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public comment and voluntary use, on a trial basis, Draft Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, “Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors.” The Commission uses NUREG-1021 to provide policy and guidance for the development, administration, and grading of written examinations and operating tests used to determine the qualifications of individuals who apply for reactor operator (RO) and senior reactor operator (SRO) licenses at nuclear power plants pursuant to the Commission’s regulations in 10 CFR Part 55, “Operators’ Licenses.” NUREG-1021 also provides guidance for

verifying the continued qualifications of licensed operators when the staff determines that NRC requalification examinations are necessary.

The draft revision includes a number of changes that the NRC staff believes will reduce the regulatory burden on facility licensees and improve efficiency, while maintaining operational safety and public confidence: Notably, the RO written examination has been shortened from 100 to 75 questions, the design of the 100-question SRO written examination has been clarified and simplified, the administrative and systems portions of the walk-through operating test have been combined and reapportioned, and the grading criteria for the simulator operating test have been clarified to enhance consistency. A number of additional changes have been made to address questions raised since Revision 8, Supplement 1, was issued in April 2001 and to conform with other regulatory activities. The changes are outlined in the Executive Summary of the draft revision and are identified with highlights and strikeouts for ease of review.

The draft revision is available for review via the NRC’s Public Electronic Reading Room (<http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment.html>), on the NRC’s Operator Licensing Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing.html>), and in the NRC’s Public Document Room located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. If you do not have electronic access to NRC documents, you may request a single copy of the draft revision by writing to the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Reproduction and Distribution Services Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 (Facsimile: 301-512-2289). Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. NUREG documents are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

Draft Revision 9 is being immediately implemented on a voluntary, trial basis. The NRC will evaluate any comments and recommendations that are received and any lessons that are learned during the trial period, incorporate any additional changes, as appropriate, and, thereafter, publish final Revision 9 for general use. Minor changes and clarifications that may become necessary during the trial period will be promulgated, without formal notice, via the NRC’s Operator Licensing Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operator-licensing.html>).