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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 50

[NRC-2011-0087]

RIN 3150-AI96

### Non-Power Reactor License Renewal

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Preliminary draft regulatory basis; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is making available a preliminary draft regulatory basis for a proposed rulemaking that would amend the NRC's regulations concerning the license renewal requirements for non-power reactors. This contemplated rulemaking would also make conforming changes to address technical issues in existing non-power reactor regulations. The NRC is seeking input from the public, licensees, certificate holders, and other stakeholders on the preliminary draft regulatory basis.

**DATES:** Submit comments by July 31, 2012. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may access information and comment submissions related to this preliminary draft regulatory basis, which the NRC possesses and are publicly available, by searching on <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2011-0087. You may submit comments by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2011-0087. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

- *Email comments to:* [Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov](mailto:Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov). If you do not receive an automatic email reply confirming receipt, then contact us at 301-415-1677.

- *Fax comments to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301-415-1101.

- *Mail comments to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

- *Hand deliver comments to:* 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (Eastern Time) Federal workdays; telephone: 301-415-1677.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Duane Hardesty, Project Manager, Research and Test Reactors Licensing Branch, Division of Policy and Rulemaking, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Mail Stop: O12-E20, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3724; email: [Duane.Hardesty@nrc.gov](mailto:Duane.Hardesty@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments

###### A. Accessing Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2011-0087 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this preliminary draft regulatory basis. You may access information related to this preliminary draft regulatory basis, which the NRC possesses and are publicly available, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web Site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2011-0087.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at

1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. The preliminary draft regulatory basis is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML12167A383.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

###### B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2011-0087 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

##### II. Background

In response to Commission direction in a Staff Requirements Memorandum for SECY-08-0161 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML082550140 and ML090850159), the NRC has developed a preliminary draft regulatory basis for a proposed rulemaking regarding non-power reactor licenses. The preliminary draft regulatory basis document describes the NRC's overall objectives, conceptual approaches, potential solutions, integration with the NRC's strategic goals, and related technical and

regulatory clarity issues for the proposed rulemaking. The NRC is soliciting comments on this preliminary draft regulatory basis document from the public, licensees, and other stakeholders to confirm that an adequate regulatory basis exists to proceed with rulemaking to issue amended license renewal regulations for non-power reactors. The NRC conducted public meetings and Webinars on September 13 (ML112710285), and December 19, 2011 (ML113630166), and on June 20, 2012 (ML12177A334), to discuss the regulatory basis and to facilitate the public's and stakeholders' submission of informed comments.

The NRC is issuing this notice to solicit public comments on the preliminary draft regulatory basis to streamline non-power reactor license renewal. After the NRC staff considers public comments, it will make a determination regarding issuance of the final regulatory basis. Any subsequent versions of the regulatory basis will be posted on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) in Docket ID NRC-2011-0087. Regulations.gov allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe: (1) Navigate to the docket folder, NRC-2011-0087; (2) click the "Email Alert" link; and (3) enter your email address and select how frequently you would like to receive emails (daily, weekly or monthly).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of June, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### 10 CFR Part 430

[Docket No. EERE-2008-BT-STD-0005]

RIN 1904-AB57

### Energy Efficiency Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Battery Chargers and External Power Supplies

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces a reopening of the comment period for 15 days in order to consider comments previously submitted after the close of

the earlier comment period and to allow interested parties to submit comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking to establish energy conservation standards for battery chargers and external power supplies.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted no later than July 16, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Any comments submitted must identify the subject matter ("Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Establish Energy Conservation Standards for Battery Chargers and External Power Supplies") and provide the appropriate docket number (EERE-2008-BT-STD-0005) and/or RIN number (1904-AB57). Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [BC&EPS\\_ECS@ee.doe.gov](mailto:BC&EPS_ECS@ee.doe.gov). Include docket number EERE-BT-STD-0005 and/or RIN number 1904-AB57 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mail-stop EE-2J, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Establish Energy Conservation Standards for Battery Chargers and External Power Supplies, docket number EERE-2008-BT-STD-0005 and/or RIN number 1904-AB57, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Please submit one signed paper original.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed paper original.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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For information on how to submit or review public comments, contact Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Program, EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121.

Telephone: (202) 586-2945. Email: [Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 27, 2012, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) that would establish energy conservation standards for battery chargers and amend those that currently apply to Class A external power supplies (EPSs). (77 FR 18478) That notice also proposed to establish standards for non-Class A EPSs and possible labeling requirements for battery chargers and EPSs. The comment period for this NOPR closed on May 29, 2012.

Recently, after the closing of the comment period, DOE has received comments on this rulemaking from interested parties. These comments submit additional information for DOE to consider as part of its evaluation of potential standards for battery chargers and EPSs. In order to consider comments previously submitted after the close of the earlier comment period and to allow interested parties to submit comments on the NOPR, DOE has determined that a re-opening of the comment period in this rulemaking is appropriate and is hereby doing so. DOE will consider any comments received between March 27, 2012 and July 16, 2012 to be timely submitted.

### Further Information on Submitting Comments

Under 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit two copies: one copy of the document including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document with the information believed to be confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as confidential include (1) a description of the items, (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as confidential within the industry, (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources, (4) whether the information has previously been made available to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality, (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person which would result from public disclosure, (6) when such information might lose its confidential character due to the