

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2024–0143]

Draft Interim Staff Guidance: Guidance for the Implementation of Training and Experience Requirements

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft guidance; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is soliciting public comment on its draft Interim Staff Guidance (ISG), NMSS–ISG–03, “Guidance for the Implementation of Training and Experience Requirements.” The purpose of this ISG is to provide guidance on the implementation of the training and experience (T&E) requirements in NRC regulations. This ISG clarifies the roles and responsibilities of individuals subject to T&E requirements, outlines the information needed to demonstrate compliance with NRC regulations, and provides step-by-step instructions for adding authorized individuals to medical-use licenses. If finalized, this ISG is intended for use by licensees, applicants, and NRC staff. This guidance is also available to Agreement States and the public.

DATES: Submit comments by November 4, 2024. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website.

- *Federal rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2024–0143. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301–415–0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN–7–A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cindy Flannery, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–0223; email: Cindy.Flannery@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2024–0143 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2024–0143.
- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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, at 301–415–4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The draft ISG, NMSS–ISG–03, “Guidance for the Implementation of 10 CFR part 35 Training and Experience Requirements,” is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML24200A183.

- *NRC’s PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC–2024–0143 in your comment submission.

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 <https://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 into ADAMS.

II. Discussion

The NRC is issuing this draft ISG to clarify the roles and responsibilities of individuals subject to T&E requirements in part 35 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Medical Use of Byproduct Material” and to explain how individuals can fulfill these requirements. To do so, the draft ISG outlines applicable regulatory requirements, consolidates and clarifies existing guidance, and provides insight into the NRC staff’s evaluation of applications or license amendment requests seeking to add authorized individuals to a license. If finalized, this ISG is intended for use by licensees and applicants that are seeking to add authorized individuals to their license. Authorized individuals include authorized users, radiation safety officers, associate radiation safety officers, authorized nuclear pharmacists, authorized medical physicists, and ophthalmic physicists. Further, if finalized, this ISG can be used by NRC staff and Agreement State regulators when evaluating applications and license amendment requests.

The draft ISG does not contain new expectations or requirements for implementing the T&E requirements. Rather, it consolidates the guidance previously contained in various sources into a streamlined format to improve clarity and accessibility. In the Staff Requirements Memorandum for SECY–20–0005, “Staff Requirements—SECY–20–0005—Rulemaking Plan for Training and Experience Requirements for Unsealed Byproduct Material (10 CFR part 35),” dated January 27, 2022 (ADAMS Accession No. ML22027A519), the Commission directed the staff to develop implementation guidance to clarify expectations on how individuals fulfill T&E requirements and clarify the roles and responsibilities of persons subject to the T&E requirements. This draft ISG supplements NUREG–1556, “Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses,” Volume 9, Revision 3, “Program-Specific Guidance About Medical Use Licenses, Final Report,” issued September 2019 (ADAMS

Accession No. ML19256C219), which contains guidance on medical T&E criteria. NUREG-1556 is updated periodically, concurrent with regulatory changes. However, given the types of questions that the NRC and Agreement States routinely receive about T&E requirements, the NRC staff has determined that supplemental guidance would benefit individuals applying for authorized individual status, until the next update to NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Revision 3.

The staff is also issuing for public comment a draft regulatory analysis for this ISG (ADAMS Accession No. ML24205A116).

Dated: August 27, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Kevin Williams,

Director, Division of Materials Safety, Security, Sate, and Tribal Programs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.
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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. N2024-1; Order No. 7414]

Service Standard Changes

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is acknowledging a filing by the Postal Service of its intent to conduct a pre-filing conference regarding proposed changes to its processing and transportation networks and revisions to its service standards to align with these changes. This document informs the public of this proceeding and the pre-filing conference, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Pre-filing conference:* September 5, 2024, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., eastern daylight time—Virtual Online.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.111(d), on August 22, 2024, the Postal Service filed a notice of its intent to conduct a pre-filing conference on September 5, 2024, regarding proposed changes to its

processing and transportation networks and revisions to its service standards to align with these changes.¹

As part of its Delivering for America strategic plan, the Postal Service intends to implement certain initiatives to “to achieve greater operational precision and efficiency, significantly reduce costs, and enhance service.”² Specifically, the Postal Service intends to create a network of regional processing and distribution centers or campuses (RPDCs) and local processing centers (LPCs). Notice at 3. It also intends to implement a Regional Transportation Optimization (RTO) initiative to transform its transportation network. *Id.* The RTO initiative is an evolution of the Local Transportation Optimization (LTO) initiative that the Postal Service asserts had been piloted in certain geographic areas. *Id.* The Postal Service estimates that these initiatives will result in costs savings between \$2.8 billion to \$3.3 billion per year once fully implemented. *Id.* at 4.

To align with these initiatives, the Postal Service proposes to change its service standards for end-to-end Market Dominant and Competitive products. *Id.* The Postal Service states that it will transition from plant-to-plant (*i.e.*, 3-Digit to 3-Digit ZIP Code) to Post Office to Post Office (*i.e.*, 5-Digit to 5-Digit ZIP Code) service standards that “maintain the existing delivery day ranges for both First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage while accurately and logically reflecting the three operational legs applicable to the movement of mail and packages: collection to origin processing (Leg 1), origin processing to destination processing (Leg 2), and destination processing to delivery (Leg 3).” *Id.* The Postal Service also plans to revise the service standards for end-to-end USPS Marketing Mail and Package Services so that they are based on the standards for First-Class Mail and USPS Ground Advantage. *Id.* at 4–5. In addition, the Postal Service plans to exclude Sundays and holidays as transit days for mail and packages entered on a Saturday or the day before a holiday. *Id.* at 5.

The Postal Service states that “these revisions will create standards that are more operationally precise and specific for customers, enable the Postal Service to maintain or upgrade the service

standards for a majority of volume, and enhance the Postal Service’s ability to reliably achieve [its] standards.” *Id.* at 4. The Postal Service claims that most volume will retain the same service standard or see service standard improvements, but some mail and packages will experience a longer service standard. *Id.* at 5. Although it may implement discrete aspects of these initiatives due to pilot testing, the Postal Service states that the proposed service standard changes will not be implemented until the next calendar year and will not impact Election Mail or Peak Season 2024. *Id.* at 6–7.

The pre-filing conference regarding the proposed changes will be held virtually on September 5, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. eastern daylight time (EDT). *Id.* at 1, 7. At this conference, Postal Service representatives capable of discussing the Postal Service’s proposal will be available to educate the public and to allow interested persons to provide feedback to the Postal Service. *Id.* Registration instructions are available at <https://about.usps.com/what/strategic-plans/delivering-for-america/details.htm>. *Id.* at 7. Unless all available spaces are taken sooner, registration is open until September 3, 2024, at 12 p.m. EDT. *Id.*

The Commission establishes Docket No. N2024-1 to consider the Postal Service’s proposed initiatives and accompanying revisions to its service standards. The Postal Service must file its formal request for an advisory opinion with the Commission at least 90 days before implementing any of the proposed changes. 39 CFR 3020.112. This formal request must certify that the Postal Service has made good faith efforts to address the concerns raised at the pre-filing conference and meet other content requirements. 39 CFR 3020.113. After the Postal Service files the formal request for an advisory opinion, the Commission will set forth a procedural schedule and provide additional information in a notice and order that will be published in the **Federal Register**. 39 CFR 3020.110. Before issuing its advisory opinion, the Commission must provide an opportunity for a formal, on-the-record hearing pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 556 and 557. 39 U.S.C. 3661(c). The procedural rules in 39 CFR part 3020 apply to Docket No. N2024-1.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3661(c) and 39 CFR 3020.111(d), the Commission appoints Ping Gong to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this proceeding. Pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.111(d), the Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

¹ Notice of Pre-Filing Conference, August 22, 2024, at 1 (Notice).

² Notice at 3; *see also* United States Postal Service, Delivering for America: Our Vision and Ten-Year Plan to Achieve Financial Sustainability and Service Excellence, March 23, 2021, available at https://about.usps.com/what/strategic-plans/delivering-for-america/assets/USPS_Delivering-For-America.pdf.