

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY  
COMMISSION****Consolidated Guidance About  
Materials Licenses: Program-Specific  
Guidance About Medical Use of  
Byproduct Material, Reopening of  
Public Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Reopening of public comment  
period.

**SUMMARY:** On August 25, 1998, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced the availability of and requested comment on draft NUREG-1556, Volume 9, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about the Medical Use of Byproduct Material," dated July 1998, (63 FR 45270). This draft guide was developed in parallel with the proposed revision of 10 CFR Part 35, "Medical Use of Byproduct Material," (63 FR 43516). The comment period for the proposed rule and NUREG 1556, Volume 9, expired on November 12, 1998. A number of comments on the rule noted that the original comment period was too short to review, thoroughly understand, and comment on the proposed changes in

the regulations that govern the use of byproduct material. In response to those comments and to ensure that all of the parties affected by the proposed changes have an opportunity to provide comments, the Commission has decided to reopen the comment period for the rule and NUREG 1556, Volume 9.

**DATES:** The comment period has been reopened and will now expire on December 16, 1998. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is only able to ensure consideration of comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to DLM1@NRC.GOV.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 9, by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Sally L.

Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to slm2@nrc.gov. A copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 9, is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-7874; electronic mail address: slm2@nrc.gov.

**Electronic Access.** Draft NUREG-1556, Vol. 9 is available electronically by visiting NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/nucmat.html>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of November, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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