

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public comment a proposed revision of a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. Regulatory Guides are developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-7003, which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide. Draft Regulatory Guide DG-7003, "Standard Format and Content of Part 71 Applications for Approval of Packaging for Radioactive Material," is the proposed Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 7.9. This revision is being developed to provide guidance on the preparation of applications for approval of packaging to be used for the shipment of Type B and fissile radioactive material.

This draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; or they may be hand-delivered to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Comments will be most helpful if received by March 9, 2004.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking web site through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the ability to upload comments as files (any format) if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking web site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@NRC.GOV. For technical information about Draft Regulatory Guide DG-7003, contact Ms. N.L. Osgood at (301) 415-8513 (e-mail NLO@NRC.GOV).

Although a deadline is given for comments on these draft guides,

comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request; Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 12g3-2, OMB Control No. 3235-0119, SEC File No. 270-104; Rules 7a-15 thru 7a-37, OMB Control No. 3235-0132, SEC File No. 270-115; Rule 13e-1, OMB Control No. 3235-0305, SEC File No. 270-255.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rule 12g3-2 (OMB 3235-0119; SEC File No. 270-104) provides an

exemption from section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for foreign private issuers. Rule 12g3-2 is designed to provide investors in foreign securities with information about such securities and the foreign issuer. All information required by Rule 12g3-2 must be filed with the Commission and made available to the public upon request. It is estimated that 1,800 foreign issuers make submissions pursuant to Rule 12g3-2 annually and it takes approximately one burden hour per response for a total annual burden of 1,800 hours. It is estimated that 100 percent of the burden is prepared by the filer.

Rules 7a-15 through 7a-37 (OMB 3235-0132; SEC File No. 270-115) set forth the general requirements relating to applications, statements and reports that must be filed under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 by issuers and trustees qualifying indentures for offerings of debt securities. The respondents are persons and entities subject to the Trust Indenture Act requirements. Rules 7a-15 through 7a-37 are disclosure guidelines and do not directly result in any collection of information. The Rules are assigned only one burden hour for administrative convenience.

Rule 13e-1 (OMB 3235-0305; SEC File No. 270-255) makes it unlawful for an issuer who has received notice that it is the subject of a tender offer made under 14(d)(1) of the Act and which has commenced under Rule 14d-2 to purchase any of its equity securities during the tender offer unless it first files a statement with the Commission containing information required by the Rule. This rule is in keeping with the Commission's statutory responsibility to prescribe rules and regulations that are necessary for the protection of investors. Public companies are the respondents. Rule 13e-1 submissions take approximately 10 burden hours to prepare and are filed by 20 respondents. It is estimated that 25 percent of 200 total burden hours (50 hours) is prepared by the company. The remaining 75 percent of the total burden is attributed to outside cost.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building,