

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Guidance about Administrative Licensing Procedures

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability and  
Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is announcing the  
availability of, and requesting comments  
on, draft NUREG-1556, Volume 20,  
"Consolidated Guidance about Materials  
Licenses: Guidance about  
Administrative Licensing Procedures,"  
dated July 2000.

The NRC is using Business Process  
Redesign techniques to redesign its  
materials licensing process, as described  
in NUREG-1539, "Methodology and  
Findings of the NRC's Materials  
Licensing Process Redesign." A critical  
element of the new process is  
consolidating and updating numerous  
guidance documents into a NUREG-  
series of reports. This draft NUREG  
report is the 20th guidance document  
developed for the new process.

This guidance is intended for use by  
the NRC staff, and will also be available  
to Agreement States, applicants, and  
licensees. This document combines and  
updates the guidance for NRC license  
reviewers and licensing assistants  
previously found in the documents  
listed in Appendix A of the NUREG.  
When published in final form, NRC  
licensing staff will use these  
administrative procedures to process  
license applications and prepare  
licenses. Note that this document is  
strictly for public comment and is not  
for use in preparing or reviewing license  
applications until it is published in final  
form. It is being distributed for  
comments to encourage public  
participation in its development.

**DATES:** The comment period ends  
October 3, 2000. Comments received  
after that time will be considered if  
practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments  
to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch,  
Division of Administrative Services,  
Office of Administration, U. S. Nuclear  
Regulatory Commission, Washington,  
D.C. 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](mailto:dlm1@nrc.gov).

Those considering public comment  
may request a free single copy of draft  
NUREG-1556, Volume 20, by writing to  
the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Carrie Brown,  
Mail Stop TWFN 9-C24, Washington,  
D.C. 20555-0001. Alternatively, submit  
requests through the Internet by  
addressing electronic mail to  
[cxb@nrc.gov](mailto:cxb@nrc.gov). A copy of draft NUREG-  
1556, Volume 20, is also available for  
inspection and/or copying for a fee in  
the NRC Public Document Room, 2120  
L Street, NW. (Lower Level),  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

The Presidential Memorandum dated  
June 1, 1998, entitled, "Plain Language  
in Government Writing," directed that  
the Federal government's writing be in  
plain language. The NRC requests  
comments on this licensing guidance  
NUREG specifically with respect to the  
clarity and effectiveness of the language  
used. Comments should be sent to the  
address listed above.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Mrs. Carrie Brown, TWFN 9-F-C24,  
Division of Industrial and Medical  
Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear  
Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S.  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
Washington, D.C. 20555, telephone  
(301) 415-8092; electronic mail address:  
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#### Electronic Access

Draft NUREG-1556, Vol. 20 is  
available electronically by visiting the  
NRC's Home Page ([http://www.nrc.gov/  
nrc/nucmat.html](http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html)).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day  
of July, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
**Catherine Haney,**  
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 Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical  
 Nuclear Safety, NMSS.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Well Logging, Tracer, and Field Flood Study Licenses

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission (NRC) is announcing the  
availability of the final NUREG-1556,  
Volume 14, "Consolidated Guidance  
about Materials Licenses: Program-  
Specific Guidance about Well Logging,  
Tracer, and Field Flood Study  
Licenses," dated June 2000. This final  
NUREG report is the 14th program-  
specific guidance document developed  
to support an improved material  
licensing process. NRC is using  
Business Process Redesign (BPR)  
techniques to redesign its material  
licensing process, as described in  
NUREG-1539, "Methodology and  
Findings of the NRC's Materials  
Licensing Process Redesign." A critical  
element of the new process is  
consolidating and updating numerous  
guidance documents into a NUREG-  
series of reports.

This final guide has been developed  
in parallel with the final revision of 10  
CFR Part 39, "Energy Compensation  
Sources for Well Logging and Other  
Regulatory Clarifications," published as  
a Final Rule on April 17, 2000 (65 FR  
20337). It is intended for use by  
applicants, licensees, NRC license  
reviewers, and other NRC personnel.

This final report takes a more risk-  
informed, performance-based approach  
to licensing of well logging, tracer, and  
field flood study operations, and  
reduces the information (amount and  
level of detail) needed to support an  
application to use these devices.

A free single copy of final NUREG-  
1556, Volume 14, may be requested by  
writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Carrie Brown,  
Mail Stop TWFN 9-C24, Washington,  
DC 20555-0001. Alternatively, submit  
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available electronically by visiting  
NRC's Home Page ([http://www.nrc.gov/  
nrc/nucmat.html](http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html)).