

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 70–0398; NRC–2023–0184]

**U.S. Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology; License Renewal**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has renewed Special Nuclear Materials (SNM) License No. SNM–362, to the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST, the licensee) located in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The renewed license authorizes NIST to continue to possess and use SNM for a period of 10 years and will expire on April 10, 2035.

**DATES:** License No. SNM–362 was issued on April 10, 2025, and is effective as of the date of issuance.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2023–0184 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2023–0184. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301–415–1003; email: [Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov](mailto:Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the For Further Information Contact” section of this document.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

NIST is a Federal agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce. Under the SNM–362 license, NIST uses licensed materials for research, development, calibration, and testing activities. NIST also develops, maintains, and disseminates national standards for ionizing radiation and radioactivity to support health care, industry, and homeland security at its Gaithersburg, Maryland site. The quantity of SNM possessed and used by NIST requires an NRC-issued SNM license pursuant to part 70 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Domestic licensing of special nuclear material.”

**II. Discussion**

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.106, the NRC is providing notice of the issuance of renewal of a 10 CFR part 70 license, SNM–362, to NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The license authorizes NIST to possess and use SNM for research, development, calibration, and testing activities at its Gaithersburg site. NIST’s original license renewal application (LRA) for a 10-year license was made by letter dated August 8, 2023. The term of NIST’s license, which also recognizes NIST as a Type A Broad Scope License pursuant to 10 CFR part 33, “Specific Domestic Licenses of Broad Scope for Byproduct Material,” expired on September 9, 2023. The NRC staff performed an acceptance review of NIST’s application and by letter dated October 6, 2023, notified NIST that the LRA contained sufficient information to proceed with its detailed technical review. NIST was also notified that, since it filed its LRA at least 30 days

before the license’s expiration date, pursuant to the timely renewal provisions in 10 CFR 70.38(a), NIST was permitted to continue using its SNM in accordance with the existing SNM–362 license, pending a final decision by the Commission on the LRA.

On November 16, 2023, a notice of receipt of NIST’s LRA with an opportunity for the public to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene was published in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 78798). The NRC did not receive a request for a hearing or for a petition for leave to intervene.

The LRA was subsequently supplemented by letter dated March 11, 2024. The letter included a revised version of NIST’s LRA. The revised version of the LRA is a standalone document that integrates the information provided in NIST’s responses to an NRC staff’s requests for additional information dated February 9, 2024.

The NRC staff determined that NIST’s proposed licensed activities meet the categorical exclusion in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14)(v) for the use of radioactive materials for research and development and for educational purposes. Therefore, an environmental assessment and an environmental impact statement are not required for the renewal of the SNM–1373 license.

The NRC finds that the renewed license complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the NRC’s rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR chapter 1. Accordingly, the renewed license issued on April 10, 2025, is effective as of the date of issuance. The NRC prepared a safety evaluation report (SER) for the renewal of license SNM–362 and concluded that NIST can continue to use and possess SNM in accordance with its license without endangering the health and safety of the public, and that this action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment for the duration of the license.

**III. Availability of Documents**

Documents related to this action, including the license renewal application and other supporting documentation, are available to interested persons as indicated.

Document description	ADAMS accession No.
License Renewal Application (Initial), dated August 8, 2023. ....	ML23221A162 (Package).
NRC Acknowledgement of Receipt of the Application Letter, dated August 29, 2023 .....	ML23237B469.
Acceptance of NIST’s License Renewal Application Letter, dated October 6, 2023 .....	ML23271A220.
Request for Additional Information Letter, dated February 9, 2024 .....	ML23320A135.

Document description	ADAMS accession No.
NIST's Revised License Renewal Application, dated March 7, 2024	ML24071A181.
Email (Errata)—Correction to NIST License Renewal Application—Material Control & Accountability Requirements, dated April 3, 2024.	ML24096B503.
NIST License Renewal Application Corrected Page 48 (April 3, 2024).	ML24096B504.
Reply To Request for Additional Information: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute Of Standards And Technology (NIST) Application For Renewal Of Special Nuclear Materials License Number 362—EPID L-2023—RNW-0017.	ML24152A178.
NRC Transmittal Letter: SNM-362 License Renewal, dated April 10, 2025	ML24152A179.
SER on NIST's License Renewal Application, dated April 10, 2025	ML24152A180 (non-public, withheld pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390).
Renewed SNM-362, dated April 10, 2025	ML24152A181.
SER on NIST's License Renewal Application, dated April 10, 2025	ML24152A182 (non-public, withheld pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390).
Renewed SNM-362 Sensitive Conditions, dated April 10, 2025	ML24152A183 (non-public, withheld pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390).

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. CP2025-6 and MC2025-1310;  
Order No. 8808]

### Competitive Postal Products

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is recognizing a recent filing by the Postal Service of specific rates for its Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters product effective January 1, 2026. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* April 24, 2025.

**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:**  
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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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### I. Introduction

On April 15, 2025, the Postal Service filed a notice of rates not of general applicability for Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters (Inbound E-format Letter Post), and a notice of minor classification changes to *Mail Classification Schedule* (MCS) section 2340 concerning Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters, both of which will take effect on January 1, 2026.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service requests that the Commission favorably review the proposed prices so that the Postal Service may submit the prices to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) before the May 1, 2025 deadline. Notice at 11-12. The Postal Service also requests that the Commission adopt the proposed minor classification changes to MCS section 2340. *Id.* at 12.

### II. Contents of Filing

In its Notice, the Postal Service proposes new prices for the Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters product. *Id.* at 4. The UPU International Bureau (IB) requested via letter that designated operators that want to self-declare their inbound E-format rates for calendar year (CY) 2026 to submit those rates to the IB by May 1, 2025, rather than the June 1, 2025 deadline that had previously applied under the Universal Postal Convention.<sup>2</sup> The Postal Service states that the proposed prices comply with 39 U.S.C. 3633. Notice at 8. To support its

<sup>1</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound E-Format Letter Post, Notice of Minor Classification Changes, and Application for Non-Public Treatment, April 15, 2025, at 1 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 3-4; Universal Postal Union Letter to Designated Operators, dated March 18, 2025, available at <https://www.upu.int/en/postal-solutions/programmes-services/remuneration/terminal-dues/provisional-terminal-dues-rates>; Universal Postal Convention Article 29.1, available at [https://www.upu.int/UPU/media/upu/files/aboutUpu/acts/02-actsGeneralRegulations/11\\_Convention\\_1.pdf](https://www.upu.int/UPU/media/upu/files/aboutUpu/acts/02-actsGeneralRegulations/11_Convention_1.pdf).

proposed Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters prices, the Postal Service filed the proposed prices, a copy of the certification required under 39 CFR 3035.105(c)(2), and a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 19-1. *Id.* at 6; *see id.* Attachments 2-4. The Postal Service also filed redacted financial workpapers. Notice at 7. In addition, the Postal Service filed an unredacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 19-1, the unredacted new prices, and unredacted financial information under seal. *Id.* at 6-7. The Postal Service also provided an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal filed pursuant to 39 CFR part 3011. *Id.* at 6; *see id.* Attachment 1.

The Postal Service also proposes minor classification changes to MCS section 2340 concerning Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters, pursuant to 39 CFR 3040.190. *Id.* at 8. The Postal Service explains that the proposed changes should result in the MCS more accurately representing the Postal Service's offerings as of January 1, 2026, and they are also mandated by amendments to the Universal Postal Convention Article 18 that were adopted by the UPU Riyadh Congress in 2023. *Id.* at 9. These UPU amendments require the offering of tracked delivery service for inbound letter-post items containing goods effective January 1, 2025, and require the offering of registered service for inbound letter-post items containing only documents (not goods) effective January 1, 2026. *Id.* at 10. Therefore, the Postal Service proposes to restrict Competitive International Registered Mail, an optional international ancillary service, to Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters containing documents only, effective January 1, 2026. *Id.*; *see id.* Attachment 5. The Postal Service states that the proposed changes are minor instead of material in nature, and