

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION****Draft Regulatory Guide; Extension of
Comment Period**

In July 2002, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued for public comment a draft of a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. Draft Regulatory Guide DG-3021, "Site Evaluations and Determination of Design Earthquake Ground Motion for Seismic Design of Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations and Monitored Retrievable Storage Installations," was issued to propose guidance on a proposed revision to 10 CFR Part 72, "Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel, High-Level Radioactive Waste, and Reactor-Related Greater than Class C Waste" (67 FR 47745).

The State of Utah has requested a 15-day extension of the comment period for both the proposed rule and the draft regulatory guide. In view of the importance of the proposed rule and the amount of time that the State of Utah says is required to provide meaningful comments, the NRC has decided to extend the comment period, for both the proposed rule (published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**) and the draft regulatory guide, until October 22, 2002.

Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received by October 22, 2002.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

You may also provide comments on both the proposed rule and the draft regulatory guide 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 information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. M. Shah at (301) 415-8537; e-mail MJS3@NRC.GOV.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, 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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