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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Office of Waste, Air, Radiation & Remediation

Radiation Protection Security Rule for Radioactive Materials

Environmental Quality Board Meeting

Oct. 21, 2014

Proposed Rule

The proposed rulemaking would add a reference to the new 10 CFR Part 37 Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) security regulation.

Background

- Security orders were issued by the NRC following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.
- DEP reissued orders when Pennsylvania became an Agreement State.
- Orders affect licensees of Category 1 and 2 (high activity) sources.

Background

- The orders were codified into federal regulation as Part 37.
- DEP orders will remain in place until compatible Pennsylvania regulations are issued.
- DEP recently held workshops to explain the transition from security orders to Part 37.

Compliance

- DEP's Radiation Protection Advisory Committee endorsed this rulemaking.
- Federal deadline for Pennsylvania to have 10 CFR Part 37 equivalent requirements in effect is March 2016.
- NRC will audit our program to ensure this regulation is in place.

Summary

- The department recommends EQB approval for publication with 30-day public comment period
- Enhanced security of potentially dangerous radioactive materials will result from this regulation.



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