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NRC Proposes New Rules for Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is asking the public to comment on a proposal to update, clarify and strengthen the requirements for material control and accounting (MC&A) of special nuclear material. The [proposed rule](#) appears in today's *Federal Register*.

The NRC requires licensees to control and account for plutonium, enriched uranium and uranium-233, also known as special nuclear material. Plutonium and uranium-233 can be produced in nuclear reactors, while enriched uranium is created in a uranium enrichment facility. The MC&A program coupled with physical protection and information security programs helps to ensure these materials are not taken from facilities that possess them.

The proposed rule would change the requirements for collecting and reporting information on these materials. It adds new requirements for certain licensees that have 350 grams or more of special nuclear material, strengthens other requirements, applies the rules to more licensees, and clarifies terms and language.

Comments will be accepted through February 18, 2014. They may be submitted over the federal government's rulemaking website at www.Regulations.gov using Docket ID NRC-2009-0096; by email to Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov; by fax to 301-415-1101; or by mail to Cindy Bladley, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20555-0001.