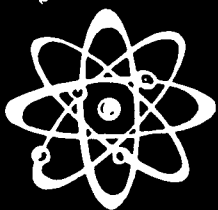


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AEC PLANS TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR PRESERVING
EXPOSURE RECORDS OF RADIATION WORKERS

The Atomic Energy Commission proposes to amend its regulation on radiation protection to require that licensees maintain records of individual exposure to radiation and to radioactive material until disposal is authorized by the Commission.

Part 20 of AEC regulations requires a licensee to keep records showing the external radiation exposures of all individuals for whom personnel monitoring is required. These records must be preserved until December 31, 1970, or until a date five years after termination of the individual's employment, whichever is later.

In establishing the December 31, 1970 deadline five years ago, the Commission indicated it might amend this section of the regulation to assure further preservation of records it determines should not be destroyed.

Part 20 also provides that the Commission may require that bio-assay studies be conducted to aid in determining an individual's exposure to concentrations of radioactive material.

Under the proposed amendment external radiation exposure records and records of bio-assay studies would be maintained until the Commission authorized disposal. Where permanent retention of such records by a licensee would be burdensome, the licensee could apply to the Commission for specific instructions for disposition. For example, a licensee who is planning to discontinue all AEC-licensed activities could apply to the Commission for authorization to send the records or summaries of them to the Commission.

Interested persons may submit written comments or suggestions concerning the proposed amendment to Part 20 to the Secretary, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545, Attention: Chief, Public Proceedings Branch, within 30 days after publication of notice in the Federal Register on September 25, 1970.

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