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**CHRONOLOGY OF NRC AMENDMENTS (FINAL REGULATIONS ADOPTED July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999)<sup>1</sup>**

(Compatibility and Health and Safety category designations pursuant to the Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility approved June 30, 1997)

REGULATION SECTION	SECTION TITLE	SUGGESTED STATE REGULATIONS <sup>2</sup>	COMPATIBILITY/ H&S CATEGORY	SUMMARY OF CHANGE
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**Respiratory Protection and Controls to Restrict Internal Exposures  
(64 FR 54543, October 7, 1999, 64 FR 55524, October 13, 1999)  
Effective February 2, 2000**

20.1003	Definitions	Part D (not yet included)	B	The following definitions are added to clarify the new regulations at §§ 20.1701 through 20.1705: Air purifying respiratory, Atmosphere-supplying respirator, Assigned Protection Factor (APF), Demand respirator, Disposable respirator, Fit factor, Fit test, Filtering facepiece (dust mask), Helmet, Hood, Loose-fitting facepiece, Negative pressure respirator, Positive pressure respirator, Powered air-purifying respirator, Pressure demand respirator, Qualitative fit test, Quantitative fit test, Self-contained breathing apparatus, Supplied-air respirator, Tight-fitting facepiece, and User seal check (fit check). Because of their precise operational meanings, they should be adopted essentially identical to help insure effective communication and to promote a common understanding for licensees who operate in multiple jurisdictions.
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<sup>1</sup>See All Agreement States Letter (SP-99-056), August 12, 1999 for Chronology of NRC Amendments before July 1, 1999.

<sup>2</sup>Prepared by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.

20.1701	Use of process or other engineering controls	Part D (not yet included)	H&S	The word “decontamination” is added to the list of examples of process or engineering controls that licensees should consider for controlling the concentration of radioactive material in air.
20.1702	Use of other controls	Part D (not yet included)	H&S	This section is revised to clarify that if a licensee performs an ALARA analysis to determine whether or not respirators should be used, the licensee may consider safety factors other than radiological.
20.1703 (except 20.1703(c)(4))	Use of individual respiratory protection equipment	Part D (not yet included)	H&S D	This section defines the minimum respiratory protection program expected of any licensee who assigns or permits the use of respirators to limit intake. The written procedures addressed in 20.1703(c)(4) are not required for compatibility.
20.1704	Further restrictions on the use of respiratory protection equipment	Part D (not yet included)	D	Section 20.1704(a) is revised to clarify that the Commission will use ALARA considerations in any additional restrictions imposed by the Commission on the use of respiratory protection equipment for the purpose of limiting exposure of individuals to airborne radioactive materials.
20.1705	Application for use of higher assigned protection factors	Part D (not yet included)	B	Permits the licensee to apply for the use of higher APFs on a case by case basis.
Appendix A to Part 20	Assigned Protection Factors for Respirators	Part D (not yet included)	B	The appendix is modified extensively to recognize new devices, revise APFs to be consistent with current ANSI guidance and technical knowledge, and the footnotes are moved, deleted, revised, or adjusted so that only those necessary to explain the table remain.

**Requirements for Those Who Possess Certain Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material  
to Provide Requested Information (64 FR 42269, August 4, 1999)  
Effective October 4, 1999**

31.5	Certain Measuring, gauging, or controlling devices	Part C (not yet included)	D	Section 31.5 is amended by adding paragraph (c)(11) which is an explicit requirement that general licensees, who possess certain measuring, gauging, or controlling devices that contain byproduct material, provide the NRC with information concerning these devices.
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