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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of Health
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Action title	NRC Adjustments
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Brief summary

Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, proposed amendments to the existing regulation, or the regulation proposed to be repealed. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The purpose of this proposed action is to amend the Radiation Protection regulations (12VAC5-481) to make them compatible with Title 10, Energy, of the Code of Federal Regulations. Agreement States' regulations must be compatible with Title 10 Regulations. This revision is needed to address comments received from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission that were identified in their review of Virginia's Radioactive Materials regulations earlier this year. The NRC's letter, dated September 7, 2016 (attached) requested that changes to specific regulations be made to fully adhere to compatibility requirements.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.

The State Health Commissioner, Dr. Marissa Levine, approved these amendments to the Virginia Radiation Protection Regulations (12VAC5-481) on behalf of the State Board of Health on November 1, 2016

Family impact

Please assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

The proposed amendments will have no direct impact on the institution of the family and family stability.