WHAT IS THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION?
The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is an independent Federal regu-
lar agency responsible for licensing and inspecting nuclear power plants and other facilities that use radioactive materials.

WHAT DOES THE NRC DO?
The NRC’s primary responsibility is to ensure that the public and the
environment are protected. The NRC requires and monitors the use of nuclear
materials to ensure their safe and secure disposal. The NRC also licenses the
use of radioactive materials in research and medical procedures.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITY DOES MY EMPLOYER HAVE?
Any company that conducts activities licensed by the NRC must comply with
the NRC’s regulations. If your company violates NRC requirements, it can be
fined or required to make changes to its operations. Your employer may also
be subject to legal action if it fails to comply with NRC requirements.

WHAT WILL I DO IF I WORK WITH RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL OR IN THE VICINITY
OF A RADIOACTIVE SOURCE?
If you work with radioactive materials or in a region where radioactive
sources are located, you may be exposed to radiation. Your employer is
required to provide you with protective equipment and training to
reduce your radiation exposure. Your employer should also establish
radiation protection programs to ensure that your exposure is as low as
possible.

WHAT WILL THE NRC DO?
The NRC is responsible for enforcing its regulations and ensuring that
licensees comply with its requirements. The NRC has the authority to
issue orders and regulations and to assess penalties for violations of
its regulations.

CAN I BE FIRED FOR RAISING A SAFETY CONCERN?
Yes. Your employer is required to make available to you the information in
your dose records, according to the provisions of 10 CFR 20.2186. In
either case, you must take any action to report your concerns in writing.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE NRC?
You can contact the NRC by phone, fax, email, or mail. You can also
report concerns to the NRC’s Regional Offices or the NRC’s Regional
Headquarters.

WHAT MIGHT I REPORT TO THE NRC?
You can report concerns such as violations of NRC rules or the terms of the license
if you are worried about radiation safety or if you believe that your employer
is not following NRC regulations.

HOW DO I REPORT VIOLATIONS AND SAFETY CONCERNS?
If you believe that your employer has not corrected violations involving
radiological working conditions, you may request an inspection. Your request
should be addressed to the nearest NRC Regional Office and must describe
the alleged violation in detail. It must be signed by you or your representative.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE NRC?
Talk to an NRC inspector on-site or call or write to the nearest NRC Regional
Office in your geographical area. (see map below). If you call the NRC’s toll-
free number, you will be asked to describe the problem in detail. Your
call will be directed to the NRC Regional Office for your geographical area.
If you call after normal business hours, or if you do not speak English, you
may call or write to the NRC’s Headquarters Operations Center, which is manned 24 hours a day.

Call to the Headquarters Operations Center are recorded. You can
contact the Headquarters Operations Center at any time to report a safety concern to the NRC.

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