

**2003
RATIONALE FOR REVISIONS**

**PART J
NOTICES, INSTRUCTIONS, AND REPORTS TO WORKERS; INSPECTIONS**

Introduction

Part J of the *Suggested State Regulations for Control of Radiation* is based on 10 CFR Part 19, which is intended to provide options to workers concerning inspections of working conditions comparable to those provisions provided for inspections pursuant to the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission continues to revise its standards for protection against ionizing radiation in 10 CFR Part 20. This revision incorporated updated scientific information and reflected changes in the basic philosophy of radiation protection councils for internal doses. Part 19 was revised to incorporate the necessary changes to accommodate the revisions to Part 20, thus necessitating associated changes to Part J.

Compatibility Requirements

The revision of Part 20, including corresponding changes to Part 19, was published in the Federal Register on July 13, 1995 (60 FR 36038) and became effective on August 15, 1995. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission considers the adoption of these regulations a matter of compatibility for all Agreement States.

See the July 13, 1995, Federal Register notice for further background information on specific changes to the revision to Part 19, which corresponds to the Part J revision. Other editorial changes consistent with the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., *Policies and Procedures for the Preparation and Publication of the Suggested State Regulations for Control of Radiation* will not specifically be noted in the rationale discussion for each section.

Specific Provisions

J.12a. and b. The Working Group revised these 2 sections to conform to the revision of Part 20.

J.12a, b, c & d. The Working Group made several reference changes to reflect the renumbering scheme in Part D.

Matters for Future Consideration

At this time there are no Matters for Future Consideration.