NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Availability of Draft NUREGs on Risk Review of Use of Nuclear Byproduct Material

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of Availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: NRC is announcing the availability of, and requesting comment on, three draft documents: NUREG/CR–6642, ''Risk Analysis and Evaluation of Regulatory Options for Nuclear Byproduct Material Systems;'' NUREG–1711, ''Nuclear Byproduct Material Risk Review: Regulatory and Other Bases for Barriers to Dose;'' and NUREG–1712, ''Nuclear Byproduct Material Risk Review: Results of Survey of NRC and Agreement State Materials Licensing and Inspection Personnel,'' all dated July 1999.

NRC recognizes that, in order to accomplish its principal mission in an efficient and cost-effective manner, it has to focus on those regulated activities that pose the greatest risk to the public. The nuclear byproduct material risk review is one of several staff actions to address the issue. The intent is to develop a clearly understood technical basis for determining whether and what risk-informed adjustments can be made to the regulation of nuclear byproduct material. Nuclear byproduct material is defined in section 11.e(1) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), § 30.4. Regulation of this material is addressed in 10 CFR parts 30 through 36 and 39. The three draft documents that are the subject of this notice have been developed as part of the risk review. NUREG/CR–6642 presents a detailed, comparative risk analysis of nuclear byproduct materials, organized into groups of activities or ''systems'' (e.g., medical diagnostic devices, nuclear pharmacy, pool irradiators); describes the methodology used in the risk analysis; and provides the results of the analyses through the date of publication. NUREG–1711 is a compilation of existing barriers (defined as those physical and/or procedural controls designed to limit worker and public radiation doses) and the currently instituted support for those barriers (e.g., regulations, license conditions, good practices). NUREG–1712 summarizes the responses to a survey of NRC and Agreement State materials licensing and inspection personnel regarding risks associated with the use of nuclear byproduct material.

These documents are for public comment and do not communicate NRC positions on how any particular nuclear byproduct material system may be regulated in the future. The documents are being distributed for comment to encourage public participation in developing accurate information that will be used in assessing risks associated with use of nuclear byproduct material. The documents will be finalized using the public comments received.

DATES: The comment period ends October 25, 1999. Comments received after that time will be considered if practicable.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001. Hand-deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to dlm1@nrc.gov.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of draft NUREG/CR–6642, draft NUREG–1711, and/or draft NUREG–1712 by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Dr. Dennis Serig, Mail Stop TWFN 8–F–5, Washington, DC 20555–0001. Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to dis@nrc.gov. Single copies of draft NUREG/CR–6642, draft NUREG–1711, and draft NUREG–1712 are also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555–0001.

The Presidential Memorandum dated June 1, 1998, entitled, ''Plain Language in Government Writing,'' directed that the Federal government's writing be in plain language. NRC requests comments specifically with respect to the clarity and effectiveness of the language used in these documents. These comments should also be sent to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Dennis Serig, Mail Stop TWFN 8–F–5, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415–7901; e-mail: *dis@nrc.gov*.

Electronic Access

Draft NUREG/CR–6642 and NUREG–1711 and 1712 are available electronically by visiting NRC's Home Page (*http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html*).

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 6th day of August, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, et al.

August 19, 1999.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (the ''Commission'' or ''Sec'').

ACTION: Notice of application for an order pursuant to Section 26(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the ''1940 Act'') approving certain substitutions of securities, and pursuant to Section 17(b) of the 1940 Act exempting related transactions from Section 17(a) of the 1940 Act.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order to permit certain registered unit investment trusts to substitute shares of EQ Advisors Trust, a registered open-end investment company, for shares of The Hudson River Trust, another registered open-end investment company, currently held by those unit investment trusts, and to permit certain in-kind redemptions of portfolio securities in connection with the substitutions.

Applicants: For purposes of the order requested pursuant to Section 26(b), The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States (''Equitable''), Separate Account A of Equitable (''SA A''), Separate Account No. 301 of Equitable (''SA 301''), Separate Account No. 45 of Equitable (''SA 45''), Separate Account No. 49 of Equitable (''SA 49''), Separate Account I of Equitable (''SA I''), and Separate Account FP of Equitable (''SA FP'', and together with SA A, SA 301 SA 45, SA 49, and SA I, the ''Equitable Accounts'') (collectively, the ''Section 26 Applicants''). For purposes of the order pursuant to Section 17(b), Equitable, the Equitable Accounts, Separate Account No. 51 of Equitable (''SA 51''), and Separate Account No. 65