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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 22, 1994, the Commission issued a Federal Register notice (FRN) (59 FR 43200) requesting public comment on a proposed amendment to its regulations which would provide specific radiological criteria for the decommissioning of lands and structures at NRC-licensed nuclear facilities. The FRN announced that the public comment period was to close on December 20, 1994. Subsequently, the public comment period was extended to January 22, 1995. To date, 101 comment letters have been received. The comments contained in these letters are being characterized and considered in the development of a final rule.

The preliminary schedule of the final rule anticipated issuance of a final rule in the summer of 1995. However, the NRC has decided to extend the date for issuance of this rule to allow it to more fully consider public comments received on the technical information base supporting the proposed rule and to develop the implementing regulatory guidance to be issued with the final rule. The rationale for the extension is discussed more fully below.

Characterization of the comments on the proposed rule and the supporting technical basis has indicated that a number of comments were received regarding the adequacy of the risk and cost analysis supporting the proposed criteria in the rule. One particular area questioned was whether the reference facilities used in the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement DGEIS (NUREG-1496) as a basis for the analyses adequately model the complex contamination situations occurring at nuclear facilities. The intent of the analysis in the DGEIS was to employ reference sites and to perform screening analyses. In support of this effort, the NRC staff used site data, where available, supplemented by engineering judgment and theoretical analyses.

However, the NRC staff believes that the supporting information bases for the final rule will be significantly improved by including an evaluation of addItional data from site characterizations and decommissionings. Although the real world data are not as complete as might be wished, there are data on total costs, volumes of waste, survey costs and concentrations left at release that the staff believes can be useful. The information generated through this evaluation will be used in considering how to resolve public comments on the proposed rule including the appropriateness of the 15 mrem/yr limit for release of a site for unrestricted use contained in 10 CFR 20.1404(a) and the criteria for allowing restricted release contained in 10 CFR 20.1405.

In addition to its further analysis of public comments, the NRC staff has decided that, prior to release of a final rule, it would assess its planned regulatory guide implementation model to provide assurance that the model is an adequately conservative screening tool and is capable of incorporating more realistic scenarios than those in the basic screening version. In particular, this assessment would include a sensitivity analysis of the NUREG/CR-5512 modeling methodology to determine the acceptable range of parameters for screening analyses. The NRC staff is considering holding a public meeting in September 1995 to address specific issues associated with development of regulatory guidance implementing the final rule. More detailed information about that meeting will be provided in the near future.

Based on the activities discussed above with regard to the assessment of the supporting analysis, and the further development of the regulatory guidance, the staff expects to provide a final rule to the Commission during December 1995, and to issue a final rule in early 1996.

Separate Views of Commissioner de Plangue: I agree with the Commission's decision to allow staff additional time to consider public comments on the proposed final rule on radiological criteria for decommissioning. I have read virtually all of the public comments and conclude that two major issues not specifically identified in this FRN need to be carefully considered by the staff before proceeding to finalize the rule. These are: (1) Is there an adequate technical basis for selecting a dose criterion of 15 mrem in contrast to a 25 or 30 mrem value that would be consistent with the recommendations of international and national organizations for radiation protection? Staff's examination of this issue should consider the cost/benefit basis for selecting a value. (2) Are the fundamental, underlying assumptions used in the models, in particular, the assumption of a 70-year residence and significant subsistence farming on a decommissioned site, realistic and appropriate to apply to decommissioned sites in the U.S.? Unnecessarily conservative assumptions will lead to cleanup of radioactivity to levels so low that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to determine compliance

and the effort will be extremely expensive for licensees.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19 day of July, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James M. Taylor,

Executive Director for Operations. [FR Doc. 95–19358 Filed 8–4–95; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7590–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 95-CE-25-AD]

Airworthiness Directives; Fairchild Aircraft SA226 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT. **ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) that would apply to certain Fairchild Aircraft SA226 series airplanes equipped with a part number (P/N) 27-5500-229 actuator assembly. The proposed action would require replacing the main landing gear door actuator tang and associated hardware with parts of improved design. Reports of the main landing gear doors hanging up and locking the landing gear links on the affected airplanes prompted the proposed action. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent the inability to extend the main landing gear because of the main landing gear door actuation roller contacting the lower edge of the tang and causing the linkage to lock overcenter.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 29, 1995. ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 95–CE–25– AD, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Comments may be inspected at this location between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted.

Service information that applies to the proposed AD may be obtained from Fairchild Aircraft, P.O. Box 790490, San Antonio, Texas 78279–0490; telephone (210) 824–9421. This information also may be examined at the Rules Docket at the address above.

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