

## Nuclear Regulatory Commission

## § 14.35

### § 14.25 Amending a claim.

The claimant may amend a claim presented in compliance with 10 CFR 14.13 at any time prior to final agency action or prior to the exercise of the claimant's option under 28 U.S.C. 2675(a). The claimant or his or her duly authorized agent or legal representative shall sign each amendment and submit it in writing. Upon the timely filing of an amendment to a pending claim, the agency shall have six months in which to make a final disposition of the claim as amended and the claimant's option under 28 U.S.C. 2675(a) does not accrue until six months after the filing of an amendment.

### § 14.27 Time limit.

The claimant shall furnish evidence and information of the types described in 10 CFR 14.23, to the extent reasonably practicable, when the claim is initially presented. If the claimant fails to furnish sufficient evidence and information within six months after the claim was initially presented to enable NRC to adjust, determine, compromise and settle the claim, NRC may consider the claim a nullity.

## Subpart C—Commission Action and Authority

### § 14.31 Investigation.

The NRC may:

- (a) Require the claimant to furnish any evidence or information which is relevant to its consideration of the claim;
- (b) Examine the claimant; or
- (c) Investigate, or request any other Federal agency to investigate, a claim filed under this part.

### § 14.33 Officials authorized to act.

The General Counsel or the General Counsel's designee shall exercise the authority to adjust, determine, compromise and settle a claim under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 2672.

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### § 14.35 Limitation on NRC's authority.

- (a) The NRC shall effect an award, compromise, or settlement of a claim hereunder in excess of \$25,000 only with

the prior written approval of the Attorney General or his designee. For the purposes of this paragraph, a principal claim and any derivative or subrogated claim are treated as a single claim.

(b) The NRC may adjust, determine, compromise, or settle a claim under this part only after consultation with the Department of Justice if, in the opinion of the Office of the General Counsel:

- (1) A new precedent or a new point of law is involved;
- (2) A question of policy is or may be involved;
- (3) The United States is or may be entitled to indemnity or contribution from a third party and the NRC is unable to adjust the third party claim; or
- (4) The compromise of a particular claim, as a practical matter, will or may control the disposition of a related claim in which the amount to be paid may exceed \$25,000.

(c) The NRC may adjust, determine, compromise, or settle a claim under this part only after consultation with the Department of Justice if the NRC is informed or is otherwise aware that the United States, or an employee, agent, or cost-plus contractor of the United States, is involved in litigation based on a claim arising out of the same incident or transaction.

(d) When Department of Justice approval or consultation is required under this section or the advice of the Department of Justice is otherwise requested, the NRC shall direct the referral or request to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice, in writing. The NRC shall ensure that the referral or request contains:

- (1) A short and concise statement of the facts and the reasons for the referral or request;
- (2) Copies of relevant portions of NRC's claim file; and
- (3) A statement of the recommendations or views of the NRC.

A referral or request to the Department of Justice may be made at any time after presentment of a claim to the NRC.

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