

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

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 - c. An action plan that provides for the immediate protection during the investigation
 - d. Provisions for preventing a recurrence of the alleged incident pending investigation
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