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ALL NON-AGREEMENT STATES

ACCELERATOR PRODUCED RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL: DRAFT LEGISLATIVE BILL AND SECTION ANALYSIS (STP-02- 059)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking an amendment to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 that will extend the Commission's regulatory authority to accelerator-produced radioactive (ARM) material. The Commission believes this will provide regulatory consistency and predictability for users of ARM material, and will lead to greater public assurance that such material is used and controlled in a manner that maintains public health and safety.

The Draft Legislative Bill and Section Analysis have been uploaded to the NRC's Technical Conference Forum (TCF) under a subsystem where access is limited to Agreement States, the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) and Non-Agreement State Program Directors using the CRCPD user name and password. We have provided notification to the Agreement States on the availability of these documents and ability to provide comments. Given the significance of the proposed legislation to the Non-Agreement States, we are also providing notification to each Non-Agreement State. You can access the Bill and Analysis on the TCF at: <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-states/topics> using the user name and password provided by the CRCPD. In accordance with the Office of State and Tribal Programs (STP) Internal Procedure (SA-800) and CRCPD Procedures, Non-Agreement States may access these documents on the password protected portion of the TCF by using the CRCPD user name and password.

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