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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON MIXED WASTE DISPOSAL (STP-03-084)

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is informing the Agreement States that the EPA published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) requesting comments about creating an integrated regulatory framework for management and disposal of low-activity radioactive waste on November 18, 2003. Specifically, EPA is considering revising their regulations to permit disposal of certain types of mixed waste, i.e., waste that is characterized both as hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and as radioactive waste under the Atomic Energy Act. EPA's ANPR seeks comment on a number of issues associated with the potential disposal of mixed waste in RCRA permitted facilities, including a discussion of how NRC could be involved. The 120 day comment period closes on March 17, 2004.

The Federal Register Notice may be found on the EPA's web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/radiation/larw/about.htm>

Comments and questions regarding the content of the EPA ANPR should be directed to:
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