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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA

10 CFR PART 35 DRAFT-FINAL RULE - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS (STP- 04- 072)

We have posted the draft-final rule entitled "10 CFR Part 35, Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Recognition of Specialty Boards," and the Regulatory Analysis (RA) for your review and comment. We ask that you provide comments* within 30 days from the date of this letter (October 18, 2004) directly to: Mr. Roger Broseus (301) 415-7608; email: RWB@NRC.GOV.

The draft-final rule was prepared and ready for comment by NRC management, Agreement States and ACMUI in advance of the NRC receiving the OAS petition for rulemaking regarding 10 CFR 35. In order to allow for the full 30 day comment period the draft-final rule is being posted and does not address the petition.

The draft-final rule and RA are predecisional and are available only at the Agreement State area of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Technical Conference Forum <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-states/topics>. The documents are marked: "PREDECISIONAL DRAFT INFORMATION - FEDERALLY PROTECTED - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

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