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## ALL AGREEMENT STATES, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA

## OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE CHANGE IN BASIS FOR THE NATIONAL SOURCE TRACKING SYSTEM TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY (STP-06-051)

**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity to comment on the change in basis of the National Source Tracking System (NSTS) to public health and safety. Any comments on the basis change should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, as directed in the <u>Federal</u> <u>Register</u> (FR) Notice by July 3, 2006.

**Background:** In an e-mail dated June 7, 2006, we provided the Staff Requirements Memorandum in which the Commission approved a change in basis for the NSTS rulemaking from the NRC's authority to promote the common defense and security to protection of the public health and safety, with a Category "B" level of compatibility.

We indicated that the proposed rulemaking would be re-noticed in the FR for a 20-day public comment period. The FR Notice was published on June 13, 2006 (71 FR 113, 34024 - 34025). A copy of the FR Notice has been enclosed for your convenience. It can also be accessed at the following internet address:

http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6-9179.pdf

**NRC Point of Contact:** If you have any questions regarding the NSTS, contact Merri Horn, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, telephone (301) 415-8126, e-mail, <u>mlh1@nrc.gov.</u>

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below.

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Enclosure: As stated

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