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STATE LIAISON OFFICERS

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND THE PROPOSED RULE TO AMEND 10 CFR 40 – DOMESTIC LICENSING OF SOURCE MATERIAL – AMENDMENTS/INTEGRATED SAFETY ANALYSIS (FSME-11-042)

Purpose: To inform State Liaison Officers of the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for a rule that would require certain licensees to perform an integrated safety analysis (ISA).

Background: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to add additional requirements for source material licensees who possess significant quantities of uranium hexafluoride (UF₆). The proposed rule would require such licensees to conduct ISAs; add an additional evaluation criterion for applicants who submit an evaluation in lieu of an emergency plan; require the NRC to perform a backfit analysis under specified circumstances; and make administrative changes to the structure of the regulations. The proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 28336) on May 17, 2011. The rule is posted at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2009-0079. The public comment period ends on August 1, 2011. A copy of the proposed rule and the EA are attached for your convenience.

Discussion: The enclosed EA has been prepared in support of the proposed rule. The conclusion of the EA is the Commission's finding that no significant environmental impact will result from the proposed rule. If you have any comments on the rule and its environmental impact, please submit them by August 1, 2011. Information about methods for submitting your comments is available in enclosed *Federal Register* notice.

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