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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MICHIGAN

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY REVISED SCHEDULE III OF THE INTERNATIONAL BASIC SAFETY STANDARDS ADDRESSING THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF INCORPORATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LIMITATION OF DOSE TO LENS OF THE EYE. **(FSME-11-049)**

Purpose: To provide the Agreement States an opportunity to comment on the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) revised Schedule III of the Basic Safety Standards (BSS) addressing the specific question of incorporation of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) recommendations for limitation of dose to lens of the eye.

Background:

1. Notice of Availability of Schedule III of the International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources (the BSS) (DS379)
2. Explanatory Note on Schedule III

Discussion: IAEA has provided Schedule III of the BSS for the short Member State review on the specific question of incorporation of the new ICRP recommendations for limitation of dose to lens of the eye. This is known to be a potential issue with some medical procedures, including interventional radiology and interventional cardiology. No other portions of the BSS are open for comment, as the remainder of the requirements was endorsed by the IAEA Commission on Safety Standards on May 26, 2011.

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking comment on the proposed changes to Schedule III. Comments from the United States Government, and other Member States and International Organizations will be considered by the IAEA. We regret the short comment period, however, we would appreciate receiving your comments by June 21, 2011.* This brief comment period is limited to the international standards context. The question of incorporation into U.S. regulatory requirements will be added to the NRC ongoing consideration of possible changes to 10 CFR Part 20. Please send your comments to the contact individual listed below.

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