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ALL AGREEMENT STATES

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT REVISION TO MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE AND HANDBOOK 5.3, "AGREEMENT STATE PARTICIPATION IN WORKING GROUPS" (FSME-13-035)

Purpose: To provide the Agreement States with the opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to the Management Directive and Handbook 5.3, "Agreement State Participation in Working Groups."

Background: Proposed revision of Management Directive and Handbook 5.3, "Agreement State Participation in Working Groups."

Discussion: Enclosed for your review and comment are the draft revisions to Management Directive and Handbook 5.3, "Agreement State Participation in Working Groups." The revisions reflect the current practices in the establishment and implementation of Agreement State participation in working groups. References to the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) participation on working groups have been removed as a result of a conflict with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements. State representatives from CRCPD may participate in working groups only if the provisions of FACA are met. In addition, a section on dissenting opinion has been added. We would appreciate receiving your comments* within 30 days from the date of this letter.

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