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PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF WYOMING AND THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (STC-18-045)

Purpose: To notify you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a *Federal Register* Notice (FRN) requesting comments on the proposed Agreement between the State of Wyoming and the NRC.

Background: Governor Matthew H. Mead, on behalf of the State of Wyoming, has submitted a request that the NRC enter into an Agreement with the Commonwealth pursuant to Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA). Under the proposed Agreement, the Commission would discontinue, and the State of Wyoming would assume, regulatory authority over the management and disposal of byproduct materials as defined in Section 11e.(2) of the AEA and a subcategory of source material associated with uranium or thorium milling within the State. When the Agreement goes into effect, the regulatory authority for 14 uranium mill facilities will be transferred to the State of Wyoming.

Discussion: The first of four identical FRNs was published on June 26, 2018 and can be accessed through the following link:

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/06/26/2018-13626/state-of-wyoming-nrc-staff-assessment-of-a-proposed-agreement-between-the-nuclear-regulatory

In the FRN, the NRC staff summarizes its assessment of the Wyoming program for exercising regulatory authority over uranium and thorium uranium mill facilities and includes the draft Agreement. The full draft assessment is Enclosure 4 to SECY-18-0061 "Proposed Agreement Between the State of Wyoming and the Commission Pursuant to Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended" (https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1809/ML18094B071.html). Instructions for providing comments can be found in the FRN. **The comment period ends July 26, 2018**.

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