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ALL AGREEMENT STATES

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMMENT: INDIVIDUAL MONITORING DEVICES
RULEMAKING (STC-20-026)

Purpose: To provide notification of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) request in the *Federal Register* for public comment on the direct final rule¹ to authorize the use of modern individual monitoring devices in industrial radiographic, irradiator, and well logging operations.

Background: On March 18, 2020, the NRC published a *Federal Register* notice (FRN) requesting public comments on a direct final rule that will align personnel dosimetry requirements in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 34, "Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiographic Operations," 10 CFR Part 36, "Licenses and Radiation Safety Requirements for Irradiators," and 10 CFR Part 39, "Licenses and Radiation Safety Requirements for Well Logging," with the requirements for all other NRC licensees.

Specifically, the direct final rule will remove the requirement in 10 CFR Parts 34, 36, and 39 to use a personnel dosimeter that is processed and evaluated by an accredited National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program processor and clarifying that all personnel dosimeters must be capable of detecting high energy photons in the normal and accident dose ranges. The rulemaking will also make conforming changes to these parts. This rulemaking will affect both NRC and Agreement State licensees. Details and rationale for the changes are discussed in the enclosed FRN. Representatives from the Agreement States were involved in the development of this direct final rule as part of the rulemaking working group.

Discussion: The FRN requesting public comments on the direct final rule is enclosed. The FRN is posted on the Federal e-rulemaking portal <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket No. NRC-2019-0031. The FRN provides details on how to submit comments, which are due by April 17, 2020.

¹ A direct final rule is a regulatory document that is used for non-controversial regulatory amendments. The direct final rule process allows an agency to issue a proposed and final rule in parallel. If no significant and adverse comments are received, the final rule would become effective. As such, the time and associated schedule to issue a direct final rule is shorter than a standard rule. Because this rulemaking is expected to be non-controversial, using a direct final rule approach will expedite the rulemaking while still allowing opportunity for public comment.

If you have any questions regarding the Individual Monitoring Devices rulemaking or this correspondence, please contact the individuals named below:

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Enclosure:

Direct Final Rule *Federal Register* notice:
"Individual Monitoring Devices."

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