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NRC ISSUES REVISED POLICY STATEMENT ON  
NRC REVIEW OF AGREEMENT STATE PROGRAMS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a revised Policy Statement on "Guidelines for NRC Review of Agreement State Radiation Control Programs".

At the present time, there are 29 states which have assumed, by agreement, part of the NRC's regulatory authority over the possession and use of certain radioactive materials. The NRC staff uses the guidelines in the Policy Statement in making periodic assessments of the adequacy of Agreement State programs.

The Statement of Policy informs the States and the public of the criteria and guidelines that the Commission intends to use in its periodic evaluations of Agreement State programs. Most of the revisions are related to regulation of low-level radioactive waste management and disposal.

The guidance takes into account the NRC's own requirements governing the permanent disposal of low-level radioactive wastes as well as the experience of the Agreement States with low-level radioactive waste regulatory programs.

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