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NRC REQUESTS COMMENTS ON POLICY AND CRITERIA FOR AGREEMENT
STATES ADEQUACY AND COMPATIBILITY PROGRAMS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is requesting comments on a draft policy statement on adequacy and compatibility for Agreement States, and on draft criteria that are necessary for an adequate and compatible Agreement State Radiation Control Program. The request was published in the Federal Register on July 21 for a 90-day comment period. The NRC plans to conduct a public workshop to discuss the draft policy statement during the comment period. The public workshop will be announced in the Federal Register notice.

Agreement States are States which have assumed regulatory authority over certain radioactive materials. They must establish programs which are adequate to protect the public health and safety and are compatible with NRC's regulatory program.

Since an earlier request for comments on December 23, 1991, the NRC staff has held discussions with all States, the regulated community of licensees and the general public on this issue. The Commission has considered the views of all these groups in the formulation of the draft criteria and policy statement.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; ATTN: Documents and Services Branch by October 21, 1994. Comments can be delivered to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

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