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MINNESOTA, OKLAHOMA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN**

**OTHER INFORMATION: GUIDANCE ON RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS IN SEWAGE SLUDGE
AND ASH AT PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS (STP-00-056)**

In All Agreement States letter SP-98-086, dated November 4, 1998, we requested comments on the first draft of a guidance document developed for sewage treatment plants. This document, developed by the Sewage Sludge Subcommittee of the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards (ISCORS) has been revised and is now available on the ISCORS web site, at <http://www.iscors.org> for review and comment. The title of the document is "Guidance on Radioactive Materials in Sewage Sludge and Ash at Publicly Owned Treatment Works" (Revised Draft, June 2000). It can be accessed by clicking on the ISCORS subcommittee link and then on the Sewage Sludge subcommittee link.

This revised draft guidance document is intended to inform POTW authorities of the possibility for radioactive materials to concentrate in sewage sludge and incinerator ash, and to help the POTW authorities determine what they may want to do about any radioactive materials present in their sewage sludge or ash.

Comments on the draft guidance document should be provided to Duane Schmidt, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Decommissioning Branch, Mail Stop T-7F27, Washington, DC 20555-0001, (301) 415-6919, or e-mail to: dws2@nrc.gov by October 13, 2000. The final version of this document will be produced after the survey of radioactivity in sewage sludge is complete. The subcommittee currently plans to produce the final version in Fall 2001

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