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**ALL AGREEMENT STATES
MINNESOTA, OKLAHOMA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN**

INTERIM STORAGE FOR GREATER THAN CLASS C WASTE (STP-00-057)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to grant in part and deny in part a petition for rulemaking submitted by Portland General Electric Company (PRM-72-2) by amending its regulations dealing with greater than class C (GTCC) waste (65 FR 37712, June 16, 2000). The proposed amendments would only apply to the interim storage of GTCC waste generated or used by commercial nuclear power plants. The proposed amendments would allow licensing for interim storage of GTCC waste in a manner that is consistent with licensing the interim storage of spent fuel and would maintain Federal jurisdiction for storage of reactor-related GTCC waste. These proposed amendments would also simplify and clarify the licensing process. The draft Environmental Assessment determined that there is no significant environmental impact as a result of the proposed changes. For proposed rule, Environmental Assessment and background information see:

http://ruleforum.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/library?source=*&library=GCC_PRULE_lib&file=*

The Commission is particularly interested in the position of the Agreement States on issues raised in this proposed rule (page 37717). Specifically, the Commission would like Agreement State comment on the following questions: (1) What is the position of the Agreement States on NRC assuming jurisdiction of storage of GTCC waste generated during the operation of a 10 CFR Part 50 license after termination of the 10 CFR Part 50 license? (2) What controls and regulatory framework would the Agreement States envision assuming they have jurisdiction over GTCC waste generated during the operation under a 10 CFR Part 50 license after termination of the 10 CFR Part 50 license? How would the Agreement States plan to ensure consistency with a national regulatory scheme? (3) The NRC staff is not aware of any current Agreement State license for the storage of reactor-related GTCC waste. Are there any such licenses within your State or are you aware of any such Agreement State licenses?

You may provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking web site <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>. The comment period expires August 30, 2000.

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