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ALL AGREEMENT STATES WITH AUTHORITY TO REGULATE URANIUM MILLING OPERATIONS (COLORADO, ILLINOIS, TEXAS, WASHINGTON) AND STATE OF UTAH

OTHER INFORMATION: NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT REVISION OF STP PROCEDURE SA-900: TERMINATION OF URANIUM MILLING LICENSES IN AGREEMENT STATES (STP-01-068)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of a draft revision of the Office of State and Tribal Programs (STP) Procedure SA-900: *Termination of Uranium Milling Licenses in Agreement States* for review and comment. The procedure describes the NRC review process for making determinations that all applicable standards and requirements have been met prior to Agreement State uranium milling license termination. The red-lined and strikeout version of the procedure is available at the STP Web site at "U Mill License Termination," <http://www.hsr.doe.gov/nrc/Umill.htm> on the tool bar.

The procedure was prepared by the NRC/State Working Group on Termination of Uranium Mill Licenses in Agreement States. The working group was tasked to identify areas that need improvements in the NRC review process and propose a draft revised procedure that addresses issues identified by the working group and stakeholders.

The working group, consisting of five representatives from the States, three NRC representatives and an NRC resource representative, began work in April 2001. Over the past four months, the working group has held three teleconference calls and one face-to-face meeting with stakeholders. Comments and input received from the working group, stakeholders and NRC staff have been considered and reflected in the procedure.

Before finalizing its task, the working group would like to make the procedure available to NRC offices, Agreement States and stakeholders for review and comment. The last working group teleconference call is scheduled in late September. Due to the need to complete the working group project on schedule, we would greatly appreciate receiving your comments* by September 24, 2001. Please provide comments to Kevin Hsueh, Office of State and Tribal Programs, at 301-415-2598 or by Internet at: KPH@NRC.GOV.

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Comments received by the working group will be reviewed and discussed, and incorporated into the procedure, if accepted. The working group is scheduled to complete the task by October 2001. The final STP SA-900 procedure is expected to be issued in November 2001. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact me or the individual named below.

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