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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN

FISCAL YEAR 2003 - FISCAL YEAR 2008 STRATEGIC PLAN (STP-02- 055)

In compliance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-11, every three years, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) must review and update its strategic plan to align with and direct the Agency's goals and operations for the next six years. The next update of this plan is due to Congress no later than September 30, 2003.

Through a series of up to seven facilitated sessions, the NRC will discuss the Agency's strategic and performance goals, their corresponding measures and metrics, and their supporting strategies. To do this, the NRC has formed a Senior Leadership Group (SLG) which will include one member representing the Agreement States selected by the Organization of Agreement States' Board. In support of the SLG, NRC staff will undertake the drafting of the revised Strategic Plan and complete any assignments given by the SLG. Once a draft plan has been written, the pre-decisional document will be shared with Agreement States for comment, likely in December 2002, through the Technical Conferencing Forum.

To assist in drafting a revised Strategic Plan, we would appreciate your early review and comment to identify areas which you believe need to be addressed. We would particularly appreciate your comments on the performance measures for the Nuclear Materials Safety and Waste Safety arenas. Comments submitted early in the process will be most useful and should be sent to the contact below. You can access the current strategic plan by linking to the following URL: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1614/v2/part1/>

Following the above actions, the Commission will share the draft Strategic Plan with all stakeholders through a public comment period in early 2003. A draft of the Strategic Plan is due to the OMB on March 1, 2003. Stakeholder comments will be addressed and a draft final Strategic Plan will be sent to the Commission in May 2003 with a Commission approved plan due to OMB in August 2003.

The NRC appreciates your early participation in the Strategic Plan update process. Additional information will be transmitted regarding this topic during the next few months. If you have any questions, please contact the individual named below.

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