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ACCELERATOR PRODUCED RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL: DRAFT LEGISLATIVE BILL AND SECTION ANALYSIS (STP-02- 056)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking an amendment to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 that will extend the Commission's regulatory authority to accelerator-produced radioactive (ARM) material. The Commission is of the view that this will provide regulatory consistency and predictability for users of ARM material, and will lead to greater public assurance that such material is used and controlled in a manner that maintains public health and safety.

The Draft Legislative Bill and Section Analysis have been uploaded to the NRC's Technical Conference Forum (TCF) under a subsystem where access is limited to Agreement States. Agreement States can access these documents on the TCF at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-states/topics> using the appropriate user name and password which was last updated via All Agreement States letter SP-99-027. Due to their pre-decisional nature, these documents are exempt from public disclosure under NRC rules. We request that you limit distribution to your staff and not release these documents publicly. If these documents are released, please inform me or the Point of Contact below within 24-hours.

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