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OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT: 10 CFR PARTS 30, 40, AND 70 - FINANCIAL ASSURANCE AMENDMENTS FOR MATERIALS LICENSEES (STP-03- 031)

We are seeking comments* from the Agreement States on a final rule, 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70 - Financial Assurance Amendments for Materials Licensees

The financial assurance requirements were promulgated in 1988 as part of the decommissioning rulemaking (53 FR 24018, June 27, 1988). Revisions to some of the financial assurance requirements for materials licenses are needed because there have been changes in decommissioning costs since that time. In addition, licensing has revealed that, for certain types of licenses, such as waste brokers, special considerations exist that require different treatment of these licensees.

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